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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

ALL hail television! Once attacked as the most detrimental force in the boxing situation, with beer, hats and other products giving the show away to the viewer, television now is recognized as the greatest force for good in the fistic setup.

The transformation of television, both the home and the closed circuit varieties, is not confined to boxing.

The screen is a dominant financial factor in baseball, basketball, football and hockey.

Take away from American professional sport the dollar support of TV and you find a shambles.

Let us confine ourselves to television as it affects boxing. Especially boxing as we know it in the United States. More emphatically, boxing as we remember it in New York, once the capital of the fistic world.

When a guarantee of four million dollars was needed to keep the first Frazier-Ali fight in New York and the Garden, the money was furnished not by Garden sources but by Jack Kent Cooke.

Something radically wrong has hit boxing in New York, not the least important factor being the outrageous tax on the income of visiting fighters appearing in the Empire State.

Major television channels have seized on boxing as a vital source of income from commercials connected with fight viewing.

But when it came to the world championship fight between Foreman and Ali, not even American TV channels were strong enough to keep the contest within the confines of the United States.

American television had to stand by while the biggest fistic event of the sport's history went all the way to a country in Africa called Zaire, once under the domination of Belgium.

Video Techniques gathered around it men with money and skill to the astonishing extent that it was able to guarantee to Foreman and Muhammad five million dollars each. Fantastic, unprecedented, beyond belief, gigantic enough to chase New York, London, Paris and other established promotion centers right out of the running.

Against the threat of the new style promoter with acumen and money enough to swing gigantic TV deals, the old type of promoter is doomed.

We regard Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs as the all time promotion greats. But they have been driven right off their pinnacles by men who are not known to the public but who can gather the dollars needed for the Congo type of fight and the African standard of promotion.

In connecting with the financial factor the new school of promotion has another ally, the use of a big televised fight as a medium for boosting tourism.

When Frazier lost his title to Foreman, the fight was held in Jamaica as a feature of tour growth. When Foreman fought Ken Norton, Caracas, where the event was held, landed it as a booster for attracting the fun and recreation seeking wanderer.

When the Foreman-Ali fight was stolen by Zaire, Mobutu led the chase with a desire to make his nation known around the world. Worldwide TV was the big weapon against competing factors.

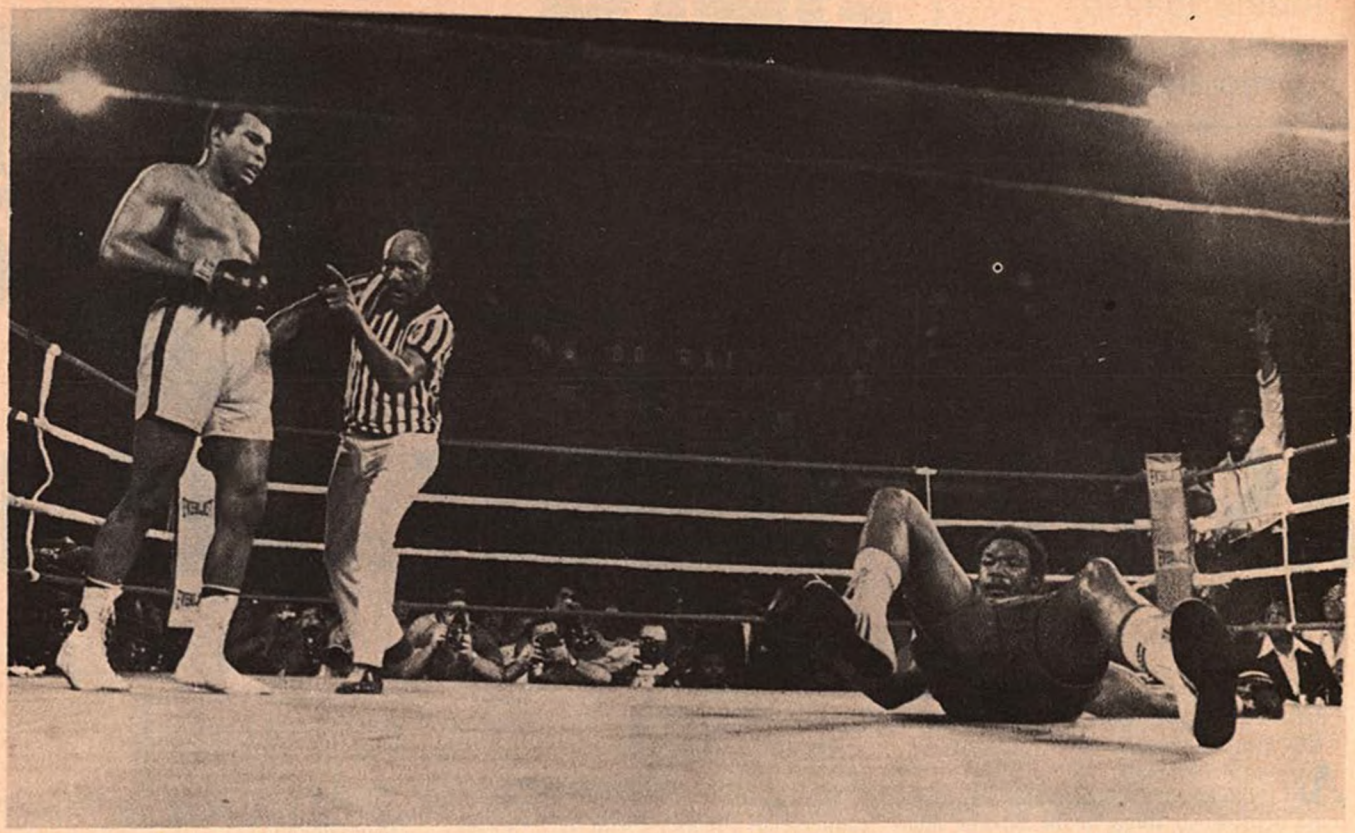
The professional promoter as we used to know him is a figure of the past.

The target of a couple of million dollars, at most, has been driven out of the picture.

Bigger and bigger money, bigger and bigger gatherings in theatres and arenas have become the telling factors.

Madison Square Garden in New York, driven out of the running for the fight, was reduced to merely showing the battle over TV.

Gone are the days, ladies and gentlemen, gone are the days!



Referee Zack Clayton tells Muhammad Ali to go to a neutral corner after George Foreman hits the floor in the eighth round in Kinshasa, Zaire.

Ali Outfought, Outlasted And Outwitted Foreman In A Classic Upset

By NAT LOUBET

KINSHASA, ZAIRE — Muhammad Ali became the second man in ring history to regain the heavyweight championship of the world. The first was Floyd Patterson who took his title back from Ingemar Johansson in 1960.

The clock reached 2:58 of the eighth round when a crashing left hook followed by a solid right cross dumped George Foreman to the canvas where he lay on his stomach. As the count reached four he rolled over and began a slow rise to his feet. He looked toward Dick Sadler in his corner, got to one knee, and, as the ten count was made by referee Zack Clayton, Foreman made an effort to beat the final second. He just lost out and so his title changes hands and once again Ali stands on the throne he boasted to all who would listen that he would occupy after the fight.

Clayton was the first black man to referee a world heavyweight championship fight. His first active refereeing job was the second Walcott-Charles meeting on June 5, 1952. This was Clayton's third time acting as an arbiter in a world heavyweight title contest.

Clayton added to his status as a referee in as much as some scribes felt Zack might be swayed emotionally to one side or the other. This he emphatically did not do and provided one of the better refereeing jobs accomplished by any third man in a world title fight.

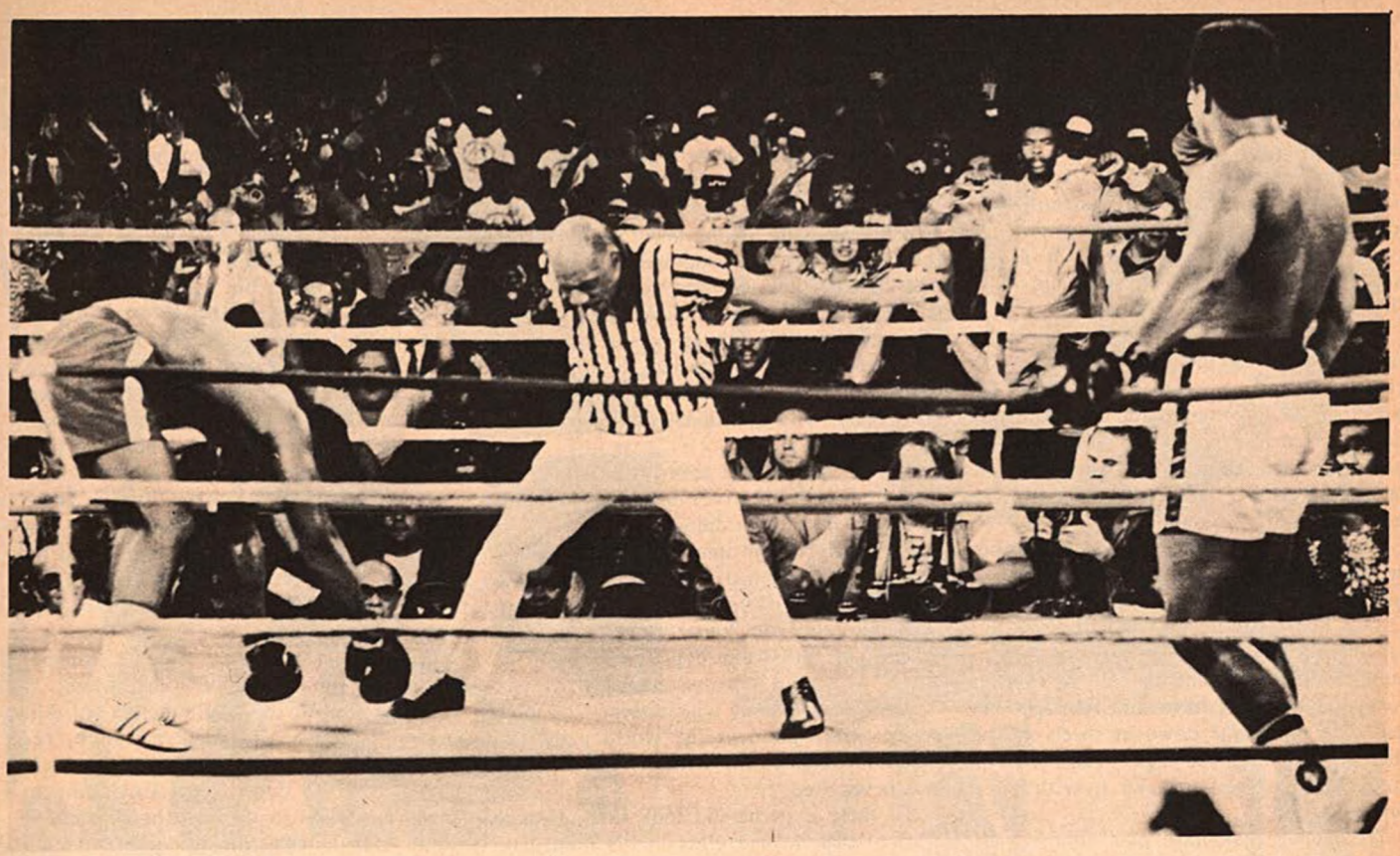
The bout could have been a hard one to referee since from the opening bell it was a "Holy War" with Foreman the aggressor, jumping out to meet Ali in the challenger's own corner.

The round by round happenings followed a pattern. Ali would meet the oncharging Foreman with flicking lefts, many of which missed, until Foreman, as had been expected, broke through Ali's guard, bending the challenger back across the ropes, landing solid, punishing body blows that landed on Clay's rib cage with maddening regularity.

Weight didn't play much of a part in the proceedings, Clay at 216½, a good weight for him, was in better shape than he has been since he came back to boxing in 1970.

Foreman, who by his own statement in a press conference here weighed 250 pounds in August, tipped the scales at 220, a good fighting weight for the champion.

Immediately before the contest, various sections of the crowd



Foreman is counted out as he barely gets to his feet. Ali watches with one hand on the middle rope. Referee Clayton is emphatic in calling the festivities to an end.

took up the chant that blended into a symphony of several phrases, competing and merging.

The Foreman camp, "Hi-ya, hi-ye Foreman," and the Ali partisans much louder in voice and number, overpowering to the point where one's hair began to prickle, "Ali-bomaya".

Ali was the country's hero. Ask any "citizen". He will respond immediately, "Ali- my man". Very few dissident voices were heard and practically all were ready to accept Foreman were he to win.

A fanfare of music idigenous to Africa, including the Zaire national anthem, heralded the entrance of Muhammad Ali, right hand extended above his head. He led his own cheer.

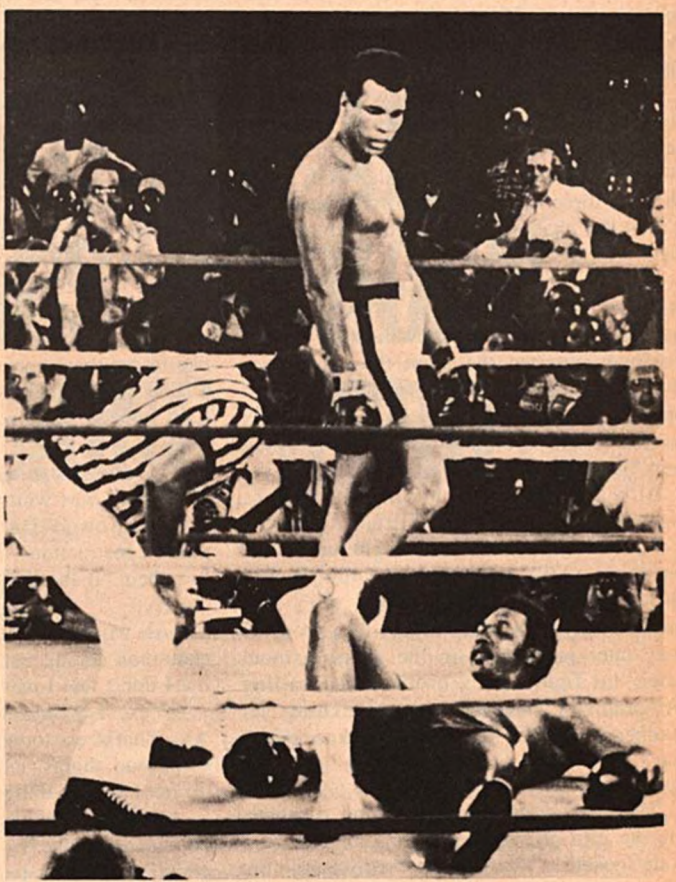
After what seemed like an interminable wait, another fanfare, more cheers, with the Ali and Foreman partisans competing. Instructions were given by referee Clayton, and the stage was set.

In rounds one and two the writer had Foreman eking out a narrow advantage. In the first round, it was very fast action for heavyweights, with Ali attempting to slide away from Foreman as the champion took repeated left jabs to the face in order to get inside the twisting, sliding Ali, who speared George with smoking left jabs but rarely used his right and seemed content to allow George the opportunity to whale away to his body.

Most of the writers in Kinshasa, regardless of their thoughts on the outcome of the bout, felt that the fight would be a case of Ali, up on his toes, ever dancing away, sticking and moving, stinging like a bee and running like a gazelle.

On the other hand the fight shaped up as one in which Foreman would be the devastating puncher and the scales of age might well decide the winner with Foreman at age 26 and Clay at 32, and Ali having a 1½ inch reach advantage to be contended with. The odds ended up 3-1 in Foreman's favor.

The consensus was that Ali would slow down after five rounds or so of body punching by Foreman and then would be caught up with and quickly destroyed. It was felt that if Clay could continue to stay away from Foreman then the longer the fight progressed the



Another angle shows Foreman's back to the canvas as Muhammad heads for a neutral corner.

challenger would be gaining ground since Foreman had gone only three rounds in his two previous title defenses, a one-round knockout over Jose Roman in Tokyo in 1973 and his two-round icing of Ken Norton in Caracas earlier this year.

Angelo Dundee had confided to a few that his plan was not to have Ali run but have him use the ropes, slide along them, moving just enough to avoid taking too much punishment, allowing Foreman to tire himself out.

The obvious danger to such a plan was the Foreman would use the good left jab that he exhibited in training and then pin Ali, not allowing the sliding movement until Muhammad was blasted out of the 20th of May Stadium which holds about 80,000 when sandwiched in like the New York subway at rush hour.

This night all the seats were occupied but the $180.00 ringside seats which were located in the grandstand. There were about 62,000 hardy souls who paid to see the fight. They had erected an 80 foot roof to house us and television in case of rain. It was good they did have this foresight because the rain came down in sheets at one brief period during the night. Those fans in the stands seemed to take it with good humor.

The Dundee entourage plan almost backfired as it looked bad for Ali in those first two rounds. However, in the third session Foreman leaped across the 19-foot ring, (the normal size is 20'), only to meet an Ali throwing leather as though his life depended upon it.

Foreman, for one of the few times in the contest, used his left jab, but was outpunched two to one as Ali moved from side to side. Foreman worked on Ali's body, then changed direction, banging to Ali's head, but it was the challenger who scored more efficiently in this round.

Both fighters had words to say. Foreman was on the receiving end of Ali's sharp tongue. "Come on, boy, show me something." Foreman returned the taunt through a face that was beginning to swell on the left cheekbone. He had an abrasion on his forehead, and eyes that already had a tired look in them.

Ali's left jabs were his margin and the fight was becoming a closer affair.

In the later rounds and right up to the knockout, Ali's corner men, Drew Budini Brown, Dundee and, at ringside, Ali's own brother, were not as confident of victory as they later maintained in the dressing room after the fight. Ali's brother was calling Foreman an amateur and beseeching his brother to outbox George and "knock him out, show him who's boss, box him, get going."

Dundee seemed perturbed and disgusted by the turn of events which to most at ringside looked as though both men were getting tired. Despite showboating to indicate that he was in no danger, Ali seemed in very real danger of losing the bout due to Foreman's devastating body punching.

As later events indicated, it was Foreman who was apparently the more tired. He lost steam in his punches and became an open target for the eighth round, a turn of events that spewed forth a flurry of Ali punches that decided the situation, ending all speculation.

This fight was a slugfest, a real pier six bangaroo and one of the better heavyweight title fights from the standpoint of action.

The entire fight followed the same pattern. At the bell, Foreman would rush across the ring and meet Ali coming out of his corner and attempt to crowd him into the ropes or a corner where he would mainly bang away to Ali's body, with occasional jabs or hooks to the challenger's jaw.

Ali, in turn, would seem to be taking all Foreman could deliver and although he looked tired he never did go down.

As the fight went into the deciding eighth round, the writer had the score in rounds 4 to 3 in favor of Foreman. This is now academic since the knockout was the convincer and erased any doubt as to the winner.

After the fight at which some 200 plus scribes from all over the world gathered, Foreman stated to the writer, "Did I tire? I was never tired."

To these eyes he did look tired. George showed that he had class in his immediate post-fight remarks to the scribes.

"Ali is a fine gentleman, he loves his children, wife and country. He has a great love for his people and a desire to help them. Ali is responsible for bridging the black man from America to Africa. This is a bridge that will never be broken."

Stretched on the rubbing table, tired, with his face swollen, the ex-champion answered questions tossed at him and waxed philosophical.

"I will stay in Africa and travel for some time. I would like to strengthen the bridge of blacks. I love America and I think blacks and whites must come together. My mother and father had their origin here and I would like to see them come back some time."

The writer asked Foreman if he would fight Ali the same way if he had the opportunity.

"For the first time I felt secure in a fight and I felt I was winning right up to the end.

"I followed Dick's (Dick Sadler, his trainer) instructions, but next time I will follow them, if there is a next time, even more closely.

"Ali won the fight and I have no beefs. .a champion should never alibi. I lost the fight but I don't feel I was beaten.

"Yes, I would like another chance at Ali. That's up to him. I think he has said some bad things about me but, basically, I do not have anything against him."

Asked the usual question as to how he felt about losing the fight George gave us his peculiar smile that denotes patience. "How do I feel about losing? No loser feels good, but I know I did my best".

Of course, as the drum thumps prepare the way for a return engagement, many weird statements will be used for publicity purposes.

The usually loquacious Ali sat in his dressing room, which was the scene of pandemonium such as I have never witnessed before at any fight. Not only inside the room were photographers fighting reporters for the space close to the champ but in the hall was a long stream of people, some having no connection with boxing but wanting to catch a glimpse of their hero or possibly touch him. Never has a fighter had a more partisan following than Ali in Zaire. That he is the hero of his people there is no doubt. Even when losing, in those rounds when things looked black, his people chanted for him and they were the greater number in the arena.

"Ali—kill him, Ali—kill him!" There seemed no doubt that he would do just that and for his pride and for his people and for money. Ali did just that. He ended the life of Foreman for the time being as a champion.

Facing his questioners, Ali took over before any questions could be asked of him.

"Allah was in the ring tonight, not Ali. I'm not supposed to have a punch, remember? Allah was in that arena and did what had to be done. Now I'm going to spread Allah — to go into the ministry if Elijah Muhammad, (the leader of his cult) agrees."

Asked if he followed any plan, the new champion replied: "I did what I said I would do. I jabbed him in the corners and let him tire himself out. I waited my chance and then pow! Ali is the greatest!

"You remember Foreman was never to be beaten by me, he was unbeatable, a big fearsome dangerous man with a punch that would break me in half. He can punch hard and is strong, but he can't handle jabs and speed.

"Joe Frazier is a better fighter and more dangerous. In close Frazier really can hurt a man. In close George doesn't know what to do. If you can move then George doesn't seem to be able to hit hard."

As Ali came into the dressing room from a more secluded back room, many of those present were not surprised to hear boxing's super salesman ask those present if Foreman was still one of the greatest of all time. The brothers all answered "no!" as if on cue.

Sitting there, an obviously very tired man with his right eye blood shot, he was otherwise unmarked in contrast with the punch-marked face of the ex-champion. He never lost his sense of humor as he referred to his standing as compared to Foreman.

"Foreman will now be called a bum, he will no longer be one of the greatest, one of the hardest hitters of all times."

Will he give Foreman a return fight? "It's too early to talk about that," he continued. "If any one wants me to talk about fighting let them come up with ten million dollars." He went on, "If I decide to retire I won't for at least six months. I don't want my

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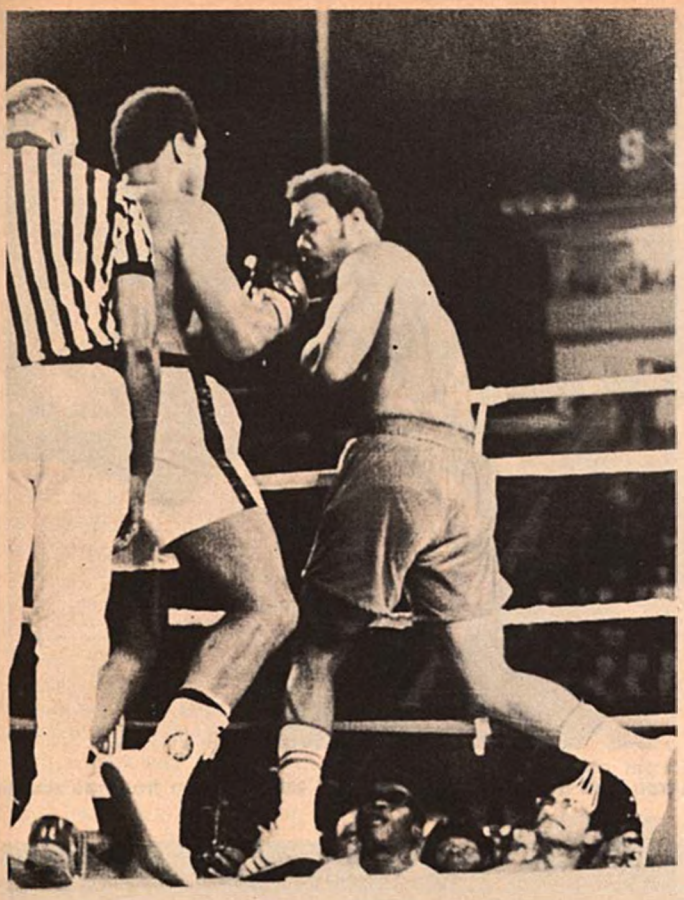


Foreman looks a bit groggy as he's about to get hit with final blow of fight before losing his balance and hitting the canvas.

Ali has just connected with a long right as Foreman lifts his right arm way up.

FOREMAN'S KO BY ALI LEAVES HEAVIES WITHOUT TITANIC PUNCHING HERO

By DAN DANIEL

THERE is no Titan left among the heavyweight fighters of the world. The effigy of George Foreman as the Superman of the ring lay shattered among the rubble of the destroyed statues of Livingston and Stanley, representing white domination, down in the distant Congo.

The knockout of Foreman by Muhammad Ali at 2:58 of the eighth round in Zaire, in the approaching dawn, left a millionaire without employment.

There is no talk of a return match. What happened in the soccer stadium at Kinshasa precluded another meeting of George and Ali.

At the ringside before the opening gong Muhammad said that if he won the title back he would turn it in.

And turn it in he should. The fight game has done its utmost for him.

Were he to retire he will be missed badly, until, as has been the habit of the ring, some new phenomenon comes to the fore.

But the fact remains, there will be no other Ali. Truly he is a Man of Destiny. He got the break of every contingency that arose. From the day he won the light heavy Olympic title at Rome he has been the child of Good Fortune.

The question, of course, is whether he will retire or go on fighting until he wears out utterly.

Total reliance on a Muhammad statement is not safe. He is a man of moods and changing intentions.

If Ali decides to go on with his ring career it is likely that he will fight Joe Frazier for the third time in New York.

Joe appears to be happy, well conditioned, buoyant and, of course, he is eager to make up for his two-round knockout at Jamaica by Foreman.

It is safe to say that it will be some time before Foreman recovers from the mental and physical setback he suffered at Zaire.

But the fallen champion is not in need of commiseration. Not longer is he deploring financial need. He got five million dollars at Zaire and that should pay the rent for some time to come.

The defeat of Foreman once again proved how unsafe it is to count on the ring Titan of his time.

It seems that fighters, too, are human and that they have their ups and downs. What happened to Sonny Liston against Ali is a striking example. That was the same Liston who had knocked out Floyd Patterson twice, on each occasion in the first round.

As things shape up, granted that Muhammad will ignore his plan to retire, we have him, Frazier and Foreman under consideration.

This listing is made on the permissible assumption that Frazier is better than Oscar Bonavena.

That Joe Bugner or Ron Lyle will make it is open to doubt. Bugner is too erratic and not a hard hitter and Lyle is 32 years of age and not experienced in fast company.

On results obtained to date the Bobick brothers still are far off in the distance.

What is there for Foreman to do now?

He beat Frazier in less than six minutes. He stopped Ken Norton in two rounds. The fight public would look askance at another Ali match. Does this former Goliath have to stand the disapproval of the crowd?

We can't lose him because the field is so skimpy. But whom does he fight now?

Zaire is out of the picture for another heavyweight match. It had its big day and big night and now the need for expensive advertising is over with. It appears safe that there will not be another financial extravaganza by the Zaire River, hitherto the Congo.

If Muhammad is not to be considered there will be talk of Foreman's fighting Frazier again. This conceivably would be another type of Frazier. He was at the Zaire ringside and must have wondered how Foreman had stopped him at Jamaica. The greatly reduced George might have trouble with Joe in another meeting.

All of which brings us back to the Foreman defeat by Muhammad.

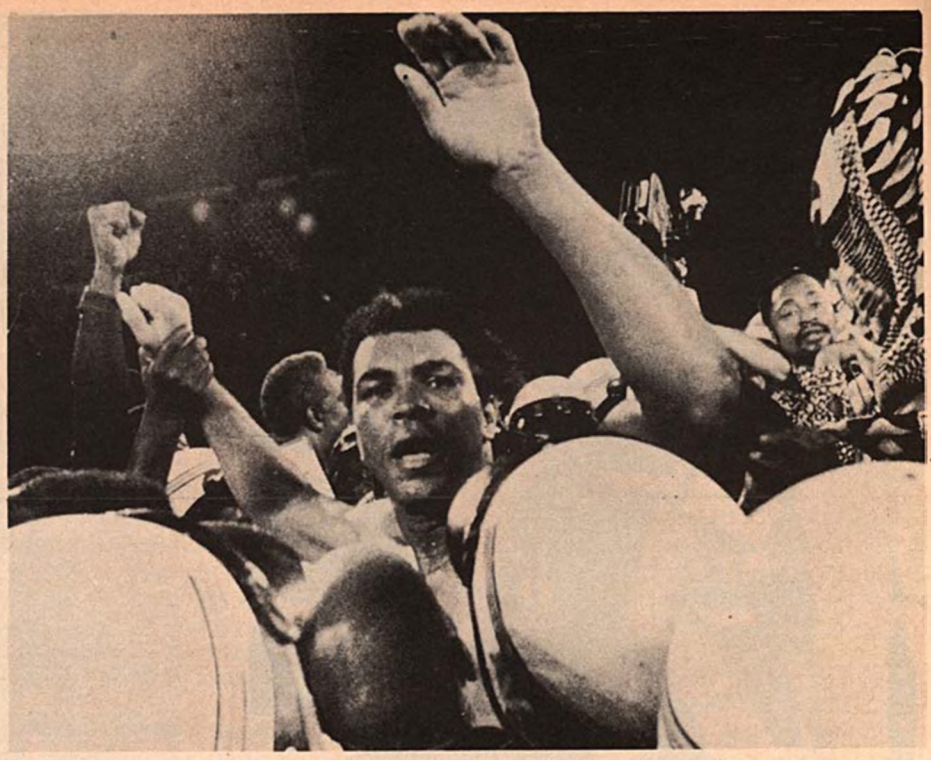
The writer was not at Zaire. He saw the fight as it appeared on the screen.

There have been all sorts of guesses about Ali's strategy.

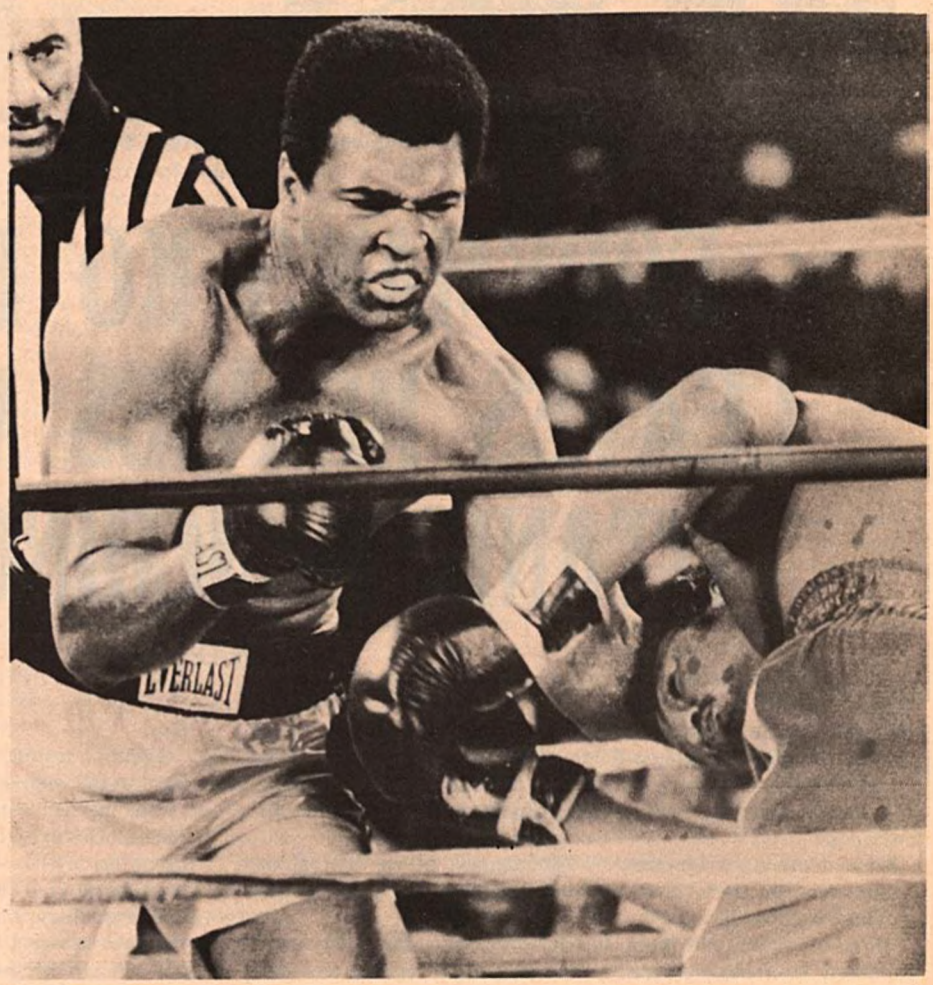
To begin with, Foreman was the most stupid defender of the title in the history of the heavyweight class.

When he had Ali in the corner, and that was most of the time, he leaned into him and did not stand off and give his all in punches that found their marks.

That Foreman had not responded to train-



The victorious Ali is surrounded by Zairian soldiers, who escorted him from the ring to his dressing room.



Foreman attempts to duck away from Ali, who tosses a hard left.

ing became evident as early as the fourth round.

The seers of the ring, gazing into their crystal balls, decided that Ali's strategy was planned and they ascribe to Angie Dundee Machivellian craft and foresight of incredible power.

The seers believe that Muhammad chose to take that beating, round after round, to fight off the ropes or dodge into a neutral corner, knowing all the time that at 2:58, with only two seconds left of the eighth round, Ali would unleash a combination and then a KO right.

The writer did not give Ali very many rounds up until the end. There were some few elements in the fight which reminded the reporter of Joe Louis turning on Billy Conn and Rocky Marciano suddenly wiping out his points deficit and stopping Jersey Joe Walcott.

However, barring a pre-fight scheme by Muhammad and Dundee to wear George down, it is conceivable that as Foreman's punch waned and his nervous tension increased, the Ali corner decided to outwear him. And outwear him Ali did.

The wonder was that after the beating Muhammad got in the first half of the fight he was able to summon enough strength to knock his man out.

As for a preconceived notion that Muhammad could wear his man down by conserving his energy and eliminating his customary ballet performance, well, that has to be rated doubtful. Possible but doubtful.

In any event, the story of this fight is perhaps the most amazing in the history of the heavyweight title, more amazing even than the strange tale of the Ali-Liston "fight" in Lewiston, Maine.

Just how the eleven million dollar venture of the Video Technique promotion fared in the closed circuit theatre showing in the United States is not yet known.

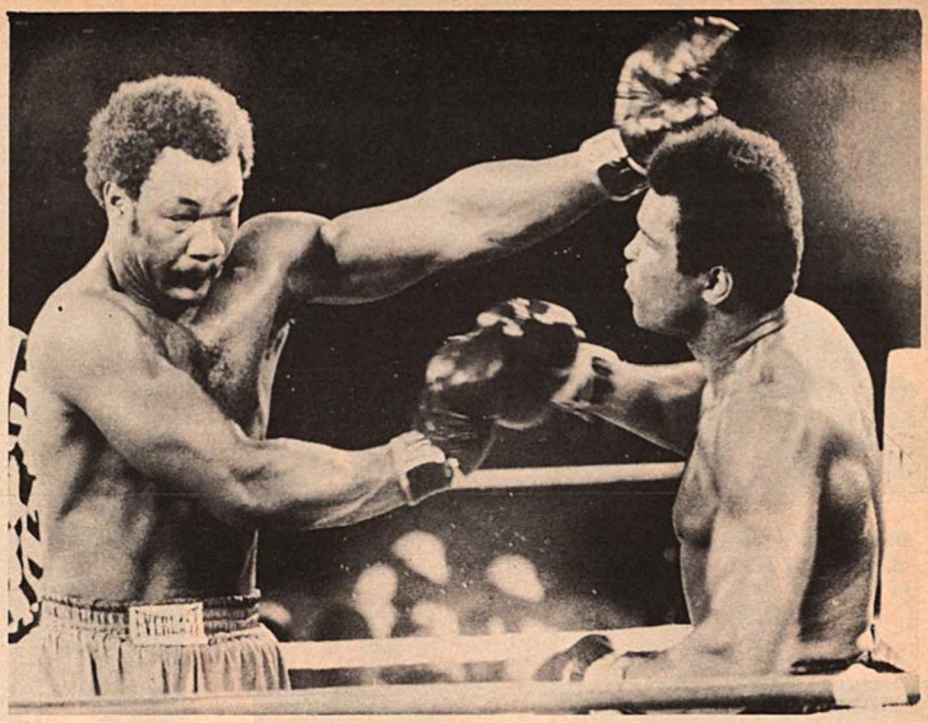
The promoters say it was a financial triumph but even they do not know, as yet, how the balance sheet stands.

The screening of the fight was excellent. Perhaps not the best on record but as good as had been expected.

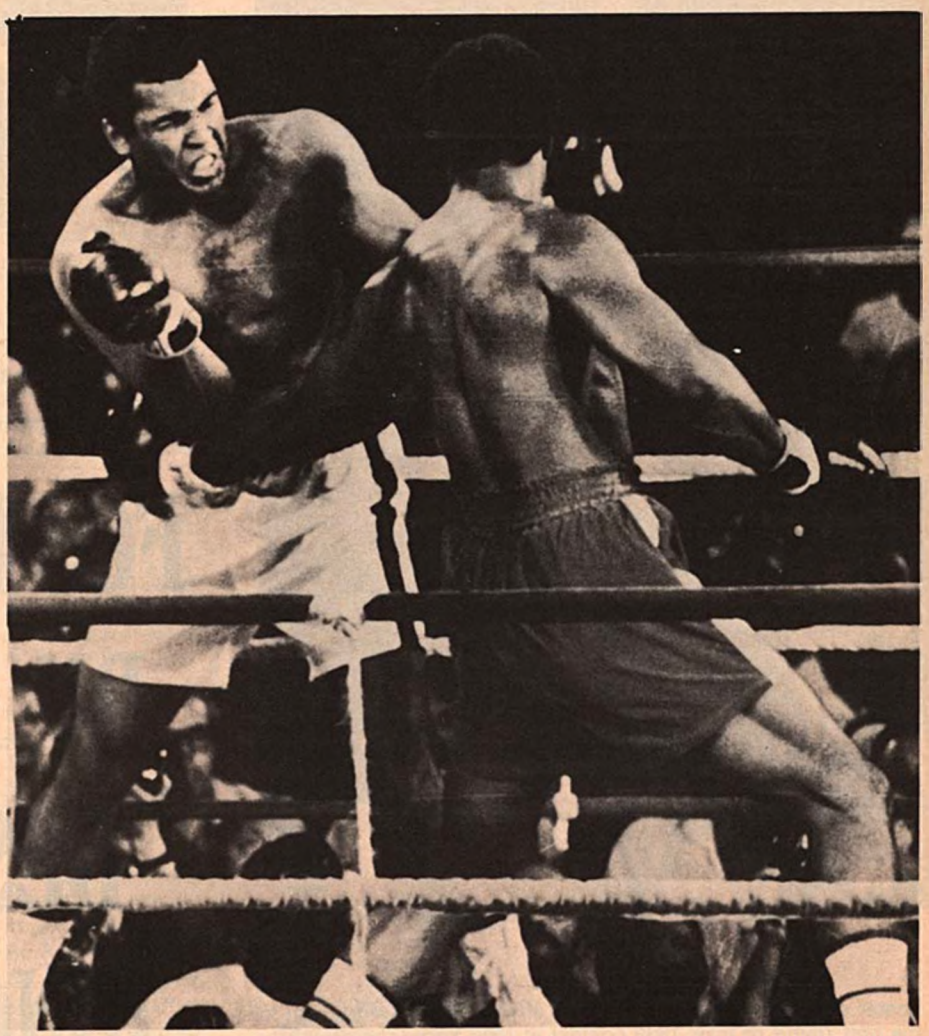
As indicated by the showing of numerous vacant seats the fight hardly was a local financial success.

With the fight out of the way, Ali be praised.

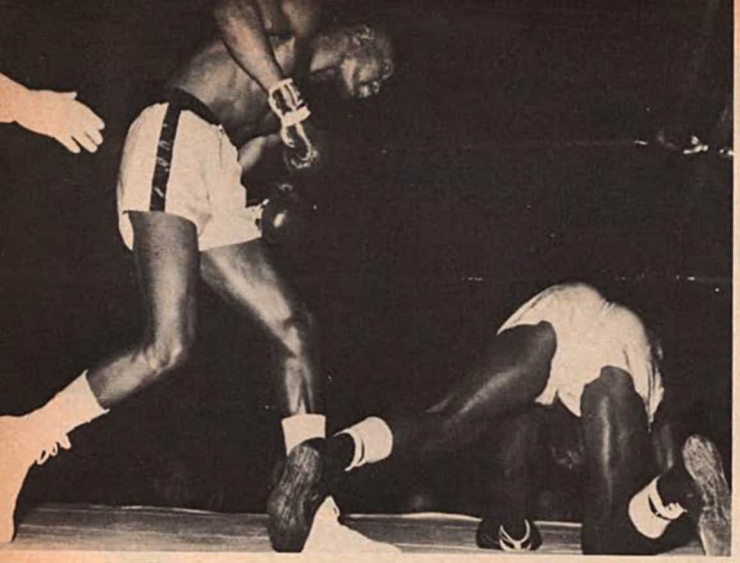
But as 1975 looms in the not distant future, let us face it. There is no Titan left in the heavyweight ranks.



Foreman, his eyes puffed, and Ali touch gloves during the eighth round going.

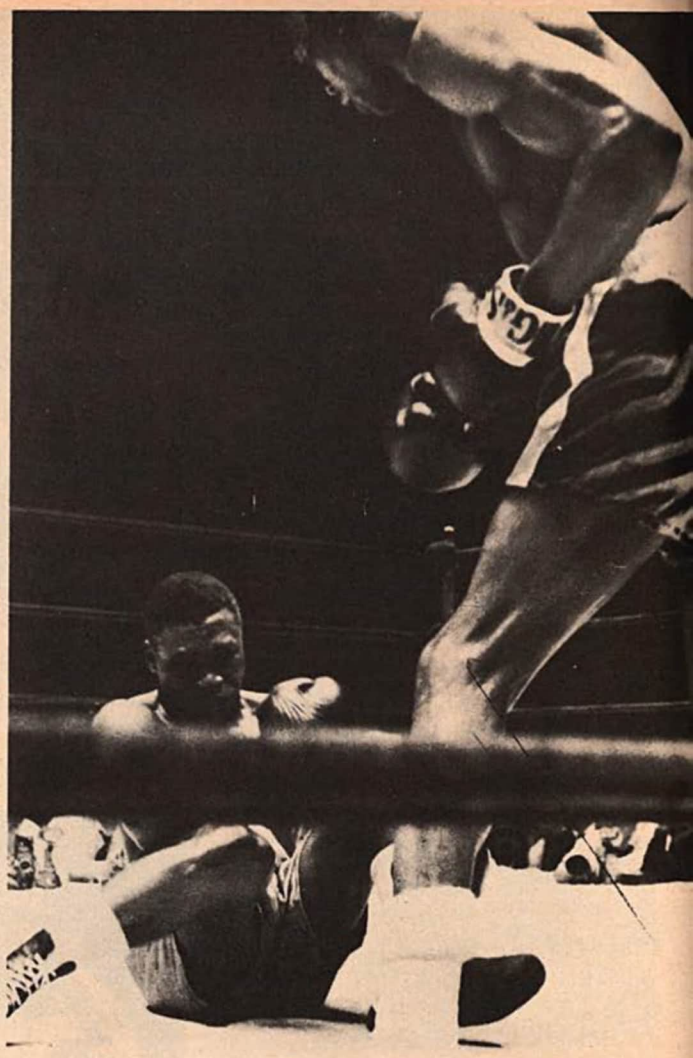


Foreman's hard left to the rib cage makes Ali wince during the early part of the Kinshasa contest.



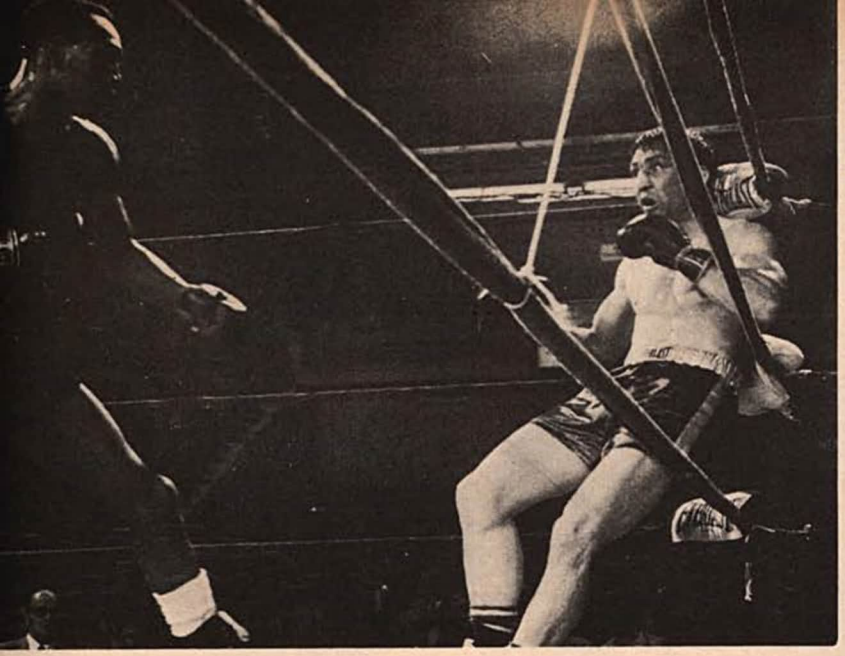
Bob Foster batters Eddie Cotton to the canvas in the first round of their 1967 bout in Washington. Foster finally stopped his man in the third.

Foster stands over Frankie DePaula after knocking him down in the first round of their 1969 contest at New York. The bout was stopped after DePaula was floored for the third time in the round.



Dick Tiger sprawls groggily on the floor in the fourth round, having been deposited there by Foster on the night of May 25, 1968. The KO came at 2:05 of the round, with Foster becoming the new 175-pound champion.

FOSTER RATED BY MANY AS BEST 175-Lb. KING OF ALL



(Left) Andy Kendall bounces off the ropes in the fourth round of their title contest at West Springfield, Mass. in May, 1969. Foster cornered his man a few seconds later and ended matters. (Below) Foster in his fighting pose.

By DAN DANIEL

AFTER a retiring champion of the ring has uttered his valedictory there is a period of relief and reflection, followed by an almost certain time of regret. It is a near certainty that, sooner or later, he will miss the excitement, the headlines, the training and meetings with his cronies.

One of the items the retired fighter misses is the money. His manager, bereft of a meal ticket, may throw his urgings into the arena and the next thing you know, the retirement is off and the fighter is back in the ring.

These revivals seldom are successful. The returnee picks up where he left off, but at a reduced pace and with zest drastically reduced. The period of retirement has been fatal.

It is an old maxim of boxing that "They never come back." There have been exceptions—Ali, for one. But Jim Jeffries failed, Jim Corbett failed, and among the lighter men, Benny Leonard and Vicente Saldivar failed.

All of which leads us to the case of Bob Foster, who recently announced his retirement as the light heavyweight champion of the world after having defended the title no fewer than 14 times.

That there is a possibility that Foster will recant is not to be ignored. Lou Viscusi may talk him back into the ring.

In the meantime there is a Foster story, stay retired or come back.

It is conceivable that Bob Foster was the greatest light heavyweight champion in the history of the once synthetic class.

The division was thought up by Lou Houseman, a Chicago boxing writer and promoter, in 1903. He was the pilot of Jack Root, who was too heavy for the middles and too light for the heavies.

Jim Coffroth, the famous California promoter, always disputed the Houseman claim. But Lou had the better support.

The 175-pounders have included such star boxers as Gene Tunney and Billy Conn. The former won the heavyweight title, the latter barely failed to take the heavy championship from Joe Louis.

Others who graced the light heavy ranks were Kid McCoy, the trickster, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Jack Dillon, Gus Lesnevich, Dick Tiger, Tommy Loughran, Georges Carpentier, Paul Berlenbach, Jack Delaney, Tom Gibbons, Battling Levinsky, Maxie Rosenbloom and Archie Moore moved eloquently in the light heavy

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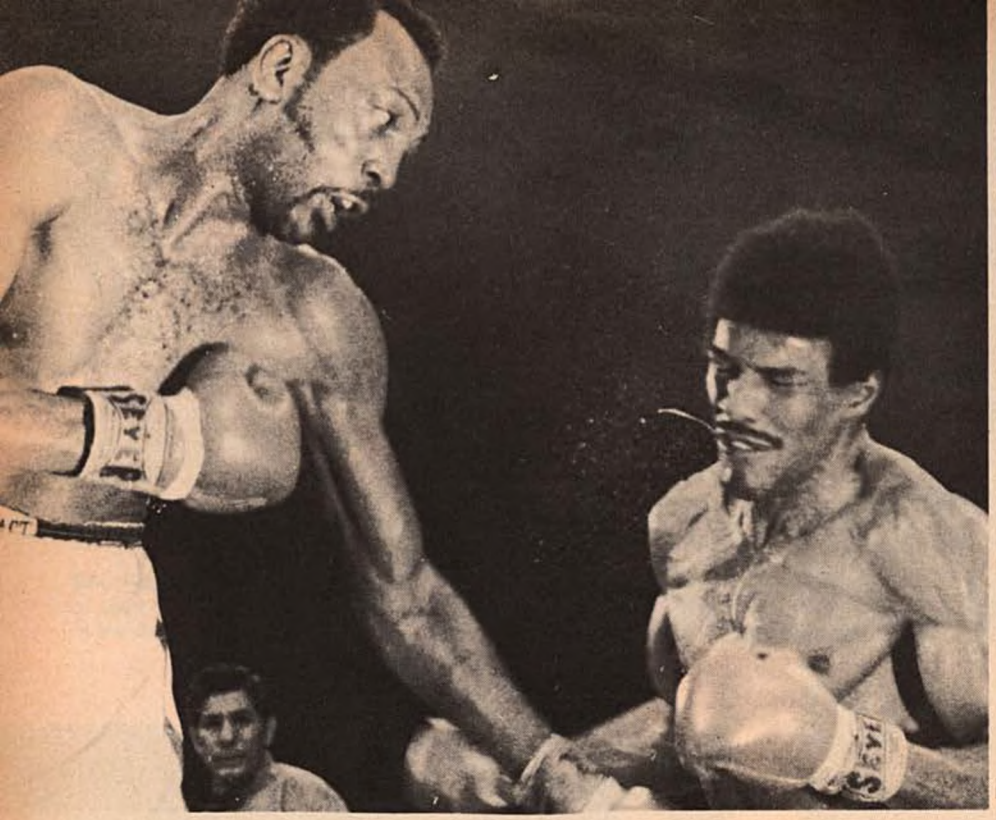
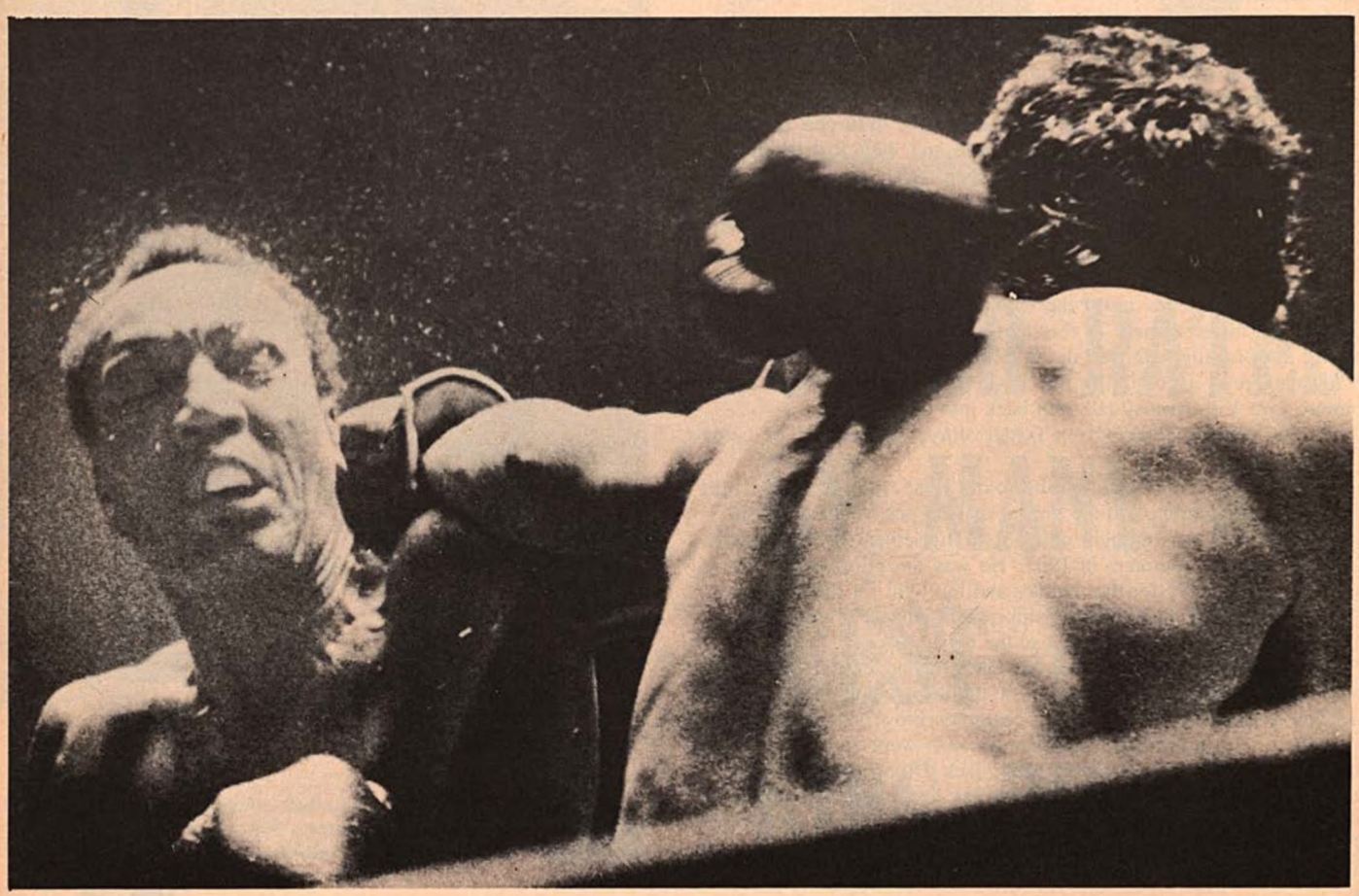
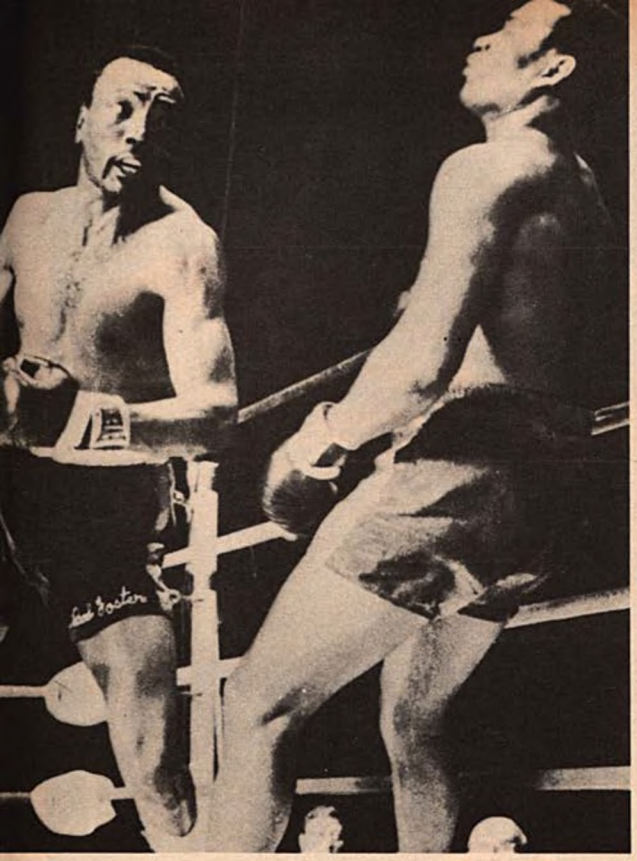


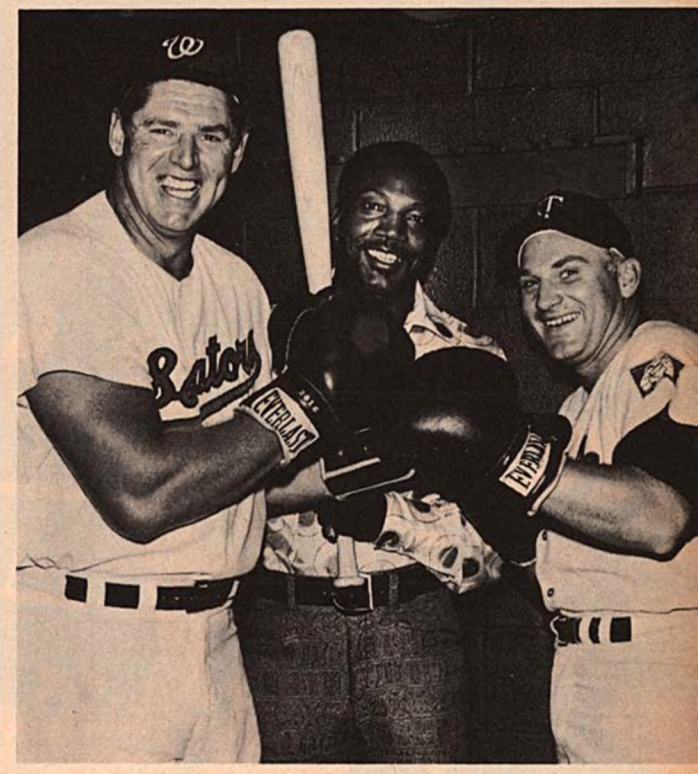
(Above) Foster clips Ray Anderson on the chin during their title bout in 1971. (Right) Foster tries on a fancy crown, emblematic of his championship. (Below) Foster is shown in an exchange with Jorge Ahumada of Argentina during their 15-rounder this past June, which was officially called a draw, but which most observers thought Ahumada won.





Foster in the act of knocking out Vicente Rondon in two rounds at Miami Beach, Fla. in April, 1972.

Mike Quarry becomes another Foster victim as he's halted in the fourth round in June, 1972 in Las Vegas.



(Left) Pierre Fourie raises Foster's hand after Bob outpointed him in Albuquerque, N.M. in 15 rounds in 1973. (Above) Foster poses with past Washington sluggers Frank Howard and Harmon Killebrew.

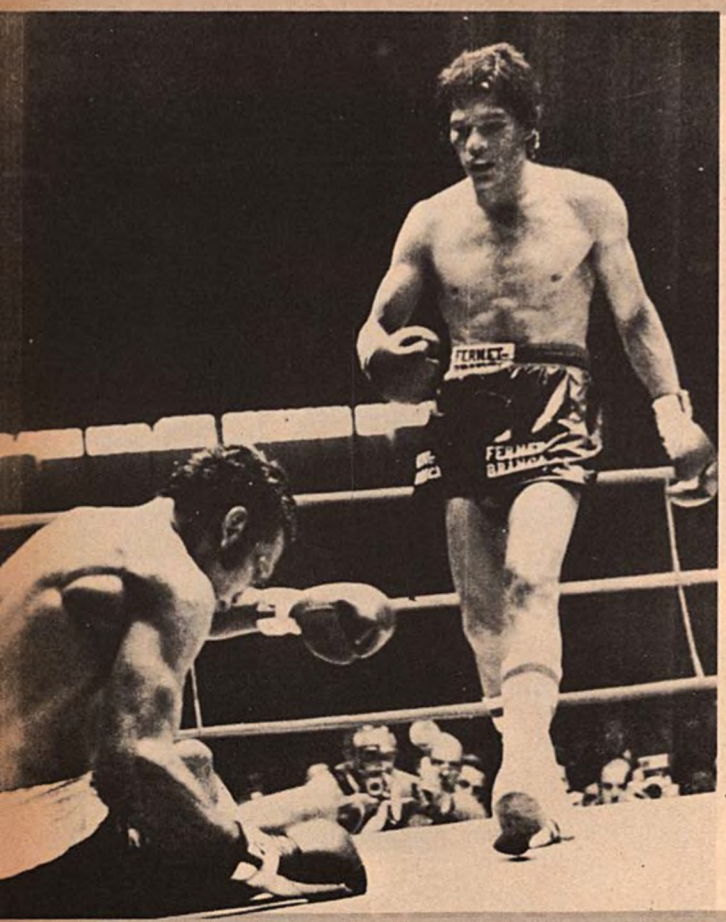
MONZON STOPS MUNDINE

By FULGÉNCIO GOMEZ

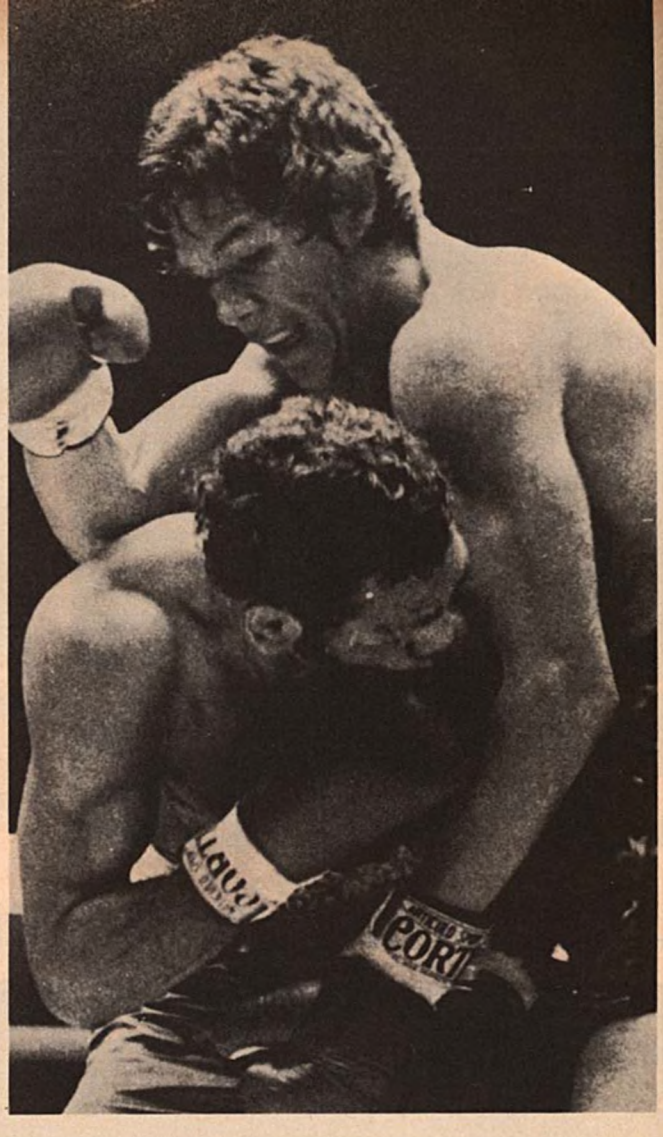
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Tony Mundine's dream of championship glory in the middleweight class collapsed in the seventh round of his fight with Carlos Monzon before 25,000 fans at Luna Park.

Going into the fight with the Australian Aborigine, Monzon laid out a plan which called for him to take it easy until the proper opportunity presented itself.

Soon after the opening of the seventh round, Monzon decided that the time had come. He aroused himself to a furious attack to the head.



Monzon looks down at Mundine after flooring him at the minute-and-a-half mark of the seventh round. Tony was counted out and Carlos retained his title convincingly.



Middleweight king Carlos Monzon pounds away at Australian challenger Tony Mundine during their title bout in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monzon's stamping grounds.

Mundine, who has been known as a middleweight with a weak jaw, could not survive the fusillade and it was all over.

Considering the unsettled economy and political state of the Argentine, the turnout was amazing.

That Monzon disposed of Mundine summarily in the first half of the scheduled 15-round fight, was not surprising to the experts.

For a couple of years Monzon kept saying that he would not fight the Aussie. This puzzled the fans and the experts alike. However, Monzon fooled them all. Not only did he fight Mundine but it was not, as many thought, Carlos's last fight before devoting all of his time and effort to the movies.

The world ratings of the middleweight class do not show a contender of real class.

However, the word is that Monzon will go on fighting whatever talent presents itself.

Before retiring from the ring, Carlos would like to appear in Madison Square Garden in New York. The American arena is eager to have him appear but it is difficult to pick a man worthy of the attention of the New York fight fans. They are choosey and they are heavyweight-minded.

As for the Monzon-Mundine fight, it was not a classic entertainment.

Mundine tried hard. He made the fight because Monzon was

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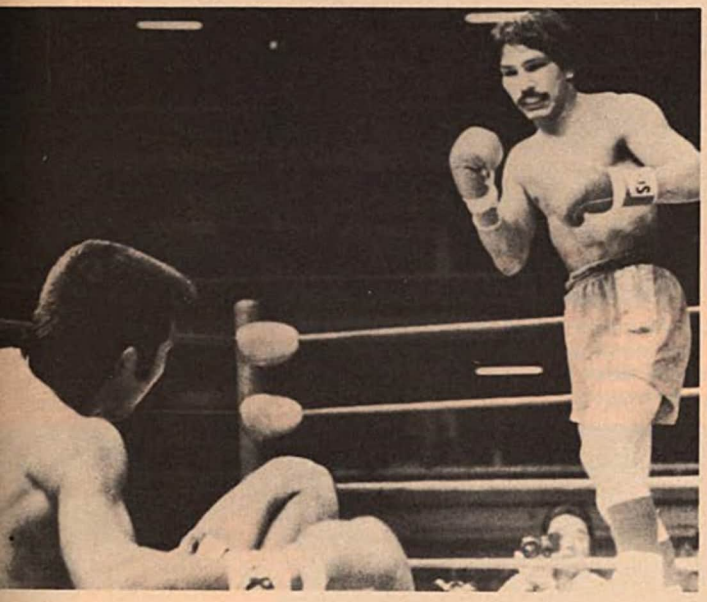
Alvarado, Shibata, Oguma Win Title Bouts In Tokyo

(Above) Flyweight Betulio Gonzalez of Venezuela (right) seems to be continuing the bout even after losing the decision to Shoji Oguma of Japan, who is being carried off in triumph by his happy followers after winning a 15-round verdict in Tokyo. (Below) Junior middleweight king Oscar (Shotgun) Alvarado knocks down challenger Ryu Sorimachi for a mandatory eight-count in the second round of their scheduled 15-rounder, won by Alvarado on a seven-round stoppage, also in Tokyo.



Sweat flies as Kuniaki Shibata lands a hard right to the head of Ramiro Bolanos during the fifth round of a scheduled 15-round junior lightweight contest at Tokyo. Shibata scored a last-round KO to retain his WBC crown.

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, Japan — Oscar Alvarado, world junior middleweight champion, had no trouble in defending his title against Ryu Sorimachi, of Japan. The fight ended in the seventh round, by KO.

Alvarado decked the home bred thrice and, as the rounds peeled off, it became more and more mystifying why Sorimachi had been sent into the ring with the champion.

It would have been difficult to find a real match for Alvarado at the junior middleweight limit in Japan.

Alvarado's victory marked his first success as a recognized champion in the ratings of The Ring, which had not previously recognized the junior middleweights.

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By TATSURO SHIMODA

Tokyo, Japan — Kuniaki Shibata, Japan's best attraction at 130 pounds, impressively knocked out Ramiro Bolanos, Ecuador, in the 15th and final round to retain the WBC's junior lightweight crown. Some 12,000 witnesses were in attendance at Nihon University Auditorium. The amount of customers proved twice as many as the Gonzales-Oguma go two days earlier.

Shibata's popularity here and Bolanos' good record may account for the difference. However it is Ben Villaflor that The Ring recognizes as the leader of the 130-pound class.

After being dethroned by Ben via a first-round kayo, Shibata gained the WBC version of the title by a 15-round decision over Ricardo Arredondo, Mexico, in Tokyo this past February.

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Britain Hails Conteh

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England — Though he scored a decisive 15-round victory over Jorge Ahumada of the Argentine, John Conteh, of Britain, did not win the world light heavyweight title left vacant by the retirement of Bob Foster. But Conteh made a splendid move toward making the championship all his own.

He won the WBC version of the championship. The WBA also is to be recognized as having something to say in the matter. But as things stand, the world title is vacant. So rules The Ring.

Here in the British Isles, Conteh is recognized as their second light heavyweight champion with a clear title. The other was Freddie Mills. British historians also regard Bob Fitzsimmons, born in Cornwall as a onetime holder of the title although he did all of his important fighting, including the winning of the world heavyweight title, in the United States.

I never had the privilege of seeing Ruby Robert in action, but I did see most of Mills' contests. He was a personal friend of mine, a fine man and a good champion. I have the feeling that the 23-year-old Conteh will be a great champion.

In outpointing Ahumada by the wide margin of 147-142 at Wembley Pool, indicative of eight rounds won, three lost and four drawn, Conteh is undoubtedly a worthy WBC title holder.

The manner of his victory was cool, competent, confident, calculated and classy.

Promoter Harry Levene had a sell-out, and he and matchmaker Mickey Duff are to be congratulated on securing this fight for Britain, and for giving Conteh the chance of winning a title.

Referee Harry Gibbs knew the score —literally. For as soon as the final bell rang, almost before the echo had died away, Harry raised Conteh's arm in token of victory and the scenes that followed were understandably fanatical.

Britain does not often get a champion, and older fans were saying that this was the greatest night since Randolph Turpin beat Sugar Ray Robinson.

I don't altogether go along with that. I well remember a tough, rugged middleweight named Terry Downes who won the world middleweight crown in 1961, and indeed, whenever a British boxer wins a title it is a fine night. Comparisons are odious.

Before dealing with the fight in detail let me provide a short build-up of the world light heavyweight situation. Conteh had been promised a crack at Bob Foster, and went to America to watch Bob's title defense against Ahumada.

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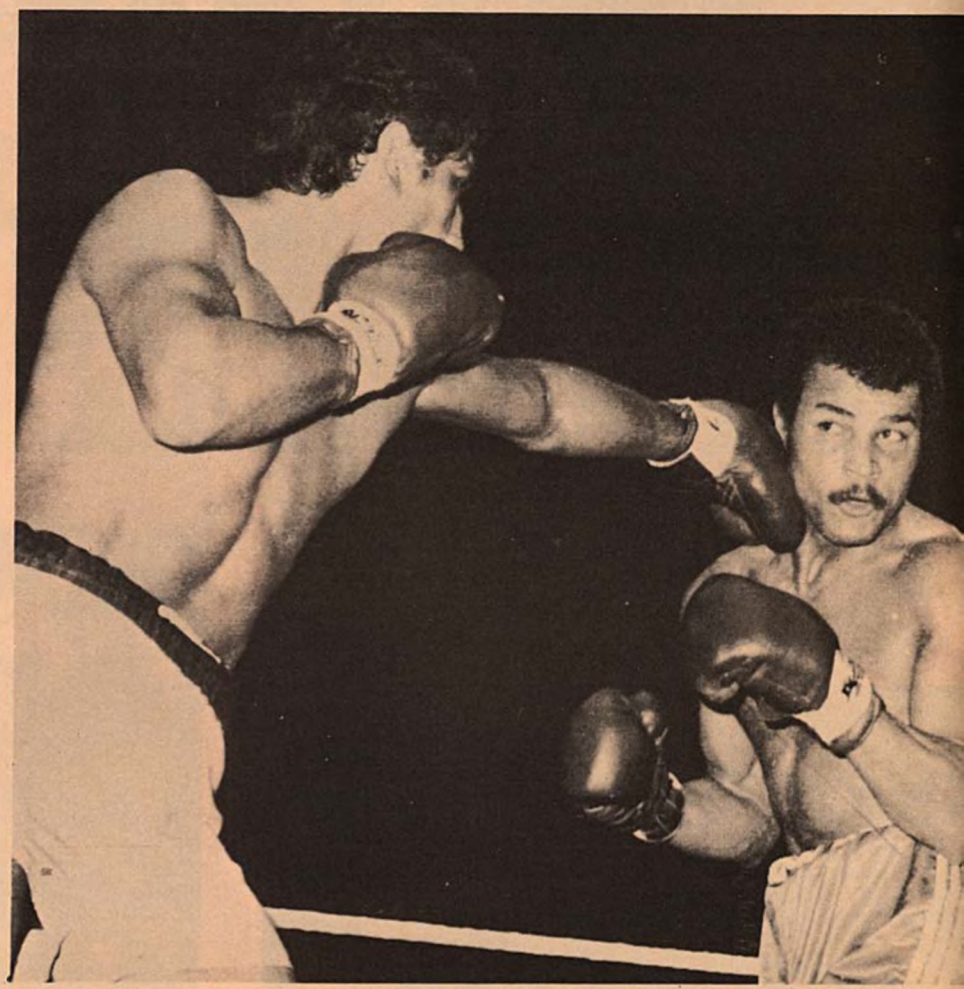

(Above) Argentina's Jorge Ahumada connects with a long left to the neck of Britain's John Conteh during the first round of their WBC light heavyweight title argument in London. (Below) Ahumada ducks away from a Conteh right. The Englishman captured the partial crown via a 15-round decision.

(Left) Here we see Licata landing a left to the jaw of Emile Griffith during their Boston Garden encounter in which Tony won the U.S. middleweight title via a 12-round decision. (Below) Here's Tony as his opponents see him.

TONY LICATA WANTS TITLE SO HE CAN GO FISHING

By BART RIPP

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Recently retired world light heavyweight champion Bob Foster was the big moneymaker for manager Lou Viscusi. But perhaps the most prized possession of the Florida entrepreneur now is 22-year-old middleweight Tony Licata.

Viscusi has moved his unbeaten pride to train here in the Southwest for two reasons.

Bill Gore, Licata's 83-year-old trainer, is recovering from an auto accident and a stroke, plus Viscusi would like Tony to get some altitude training in the mile-high Albuquerque air.

"I'll be his buddy while he's here," says Viscusi, a soft-spoken cigar-chewer. "I'm not about to leave him alone. That's like leaving your gold watch on the table in a crowded restaurant."

Viscusi found his gold watch one afternoon in a Tampa gas station.

"I was in this filling station one day — Garcia's Service Station. I'll never forget that," Lou recalled. "Joe, Tony's uncle, was getting some gas, too.

"We started to talk about boxing and he mentioned Tony to me. I said, 'Yeah, I heard of him.'

"I went over to New Orleans and saw Tony. Then we brought him to Tampa, he had some more amateur bouts and we turned him pro."

Licata, the United States middleweight titleholder, has a 45-0-3 record. Viscusi hopes to make Tony with Vito Antuofermo in Madison Square Garden, with the winner to fight Carlos Monzon for the world championship.

Licata, who pronounces his hometown as "Nahlins" started boxing when he was 13, in a CYO amateur program. He liked to watch the Friday Night Fights. Some of his favorites were Kid Gavilan, Bobo Olson and Floyd Patterson.

"I had dreams of being a great amateur, but I never thought about being a pro," said husky-voiced Tony. "I didn't have too many fights on the streets, but I could take care of myself pretty well. Lose? Yeah, I got beat a couple of times, but I don't tell nobody about it.

"I worked as a delivery boy for the Pelican Pharmacy and went to the gym every day, but that's about all. I didn't go to parties like everybody else."

Licata still doesn't go to parties much, but he loves movies, especially Bruce Lee Kung Fu movies. He's seen Enter the Dragon and Chinese Connection more than 20 times each. His only diversion when training is listening to his tape player in his hotel room. His favorites are the Spinners, Kool and the Gang, Gladys Knight and the Pips and Carol King.

Licata has an Italian father and a Chinese mother. Tony's wife, Mona, is of Mexican-Irish parentage.

A slick boxer with smooth, economic moves, that's Licata. He says his toughest fight was in April, 1972 against Jose Chirino in New Orleans.

"Chirino thumbed me in the eye twice in the fourth round," says Tony. "I couldn't defend myself. It really hurt. But I stopped him in the ninth. I busted him up."

If he were to get a shot at Monzon, Licata says, "I'd box him. He's real strong, so I'd stay a step ahead of him, maybe cut him up. I'd beat him.

"If I won the title, I'd save my money and fight as much as I can. Buy me a nice

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1974

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
1—**GEORGE FOREMAN,** Hayward, Calif.
2—**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
4—**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
5—**JOE BUGNER,** England
6—**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
7—**JERRY QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**CHUCK WEPNER,** Bayonne, N.J.
9—**HENRY CLARK,** San Francisco, Calif.
10—**LARRY MIDDLETON,** Baltimore, Md.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**JOHN CONTEH,** England
2—**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
3—**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
4—**JORGE AHUMADA,** Argentina
5—**TOM BOGS,** Denmark
6—**KARL HEINZ KLEIN,** Germany
7—**AVENAMAR PERALTA,** Argentina
8—**RICHIE KATES,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**ALVARO LOPEZ,** Stockton, Calif.
10—**MAXIE SMITH,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—**RODRIGO VALDEZ,** Colombia
2—**TONY LICATA,** New Orleans, La.
3—**GRATIEN TONNA,** France
4—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
5—**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
6—**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**KEVIN FINNEGAN,** England
8—**GEORGE COOPER,** Oakland, Calif.
9—**VITO ANTUOFERMO,** Brooklyn, N.Y.
10—**WILLIE MONROE,** Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
OSCAR ALVARADO, Uvalde, Texas
1—**ELISHA OBED,** Nassau, Bahamas
2—**JOSE DURAN,** Spain
3—**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
4—**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
5—**MIGUEL ANGEL CAMANINO,** Argentina
6—**ECKHARD DAGGE,** Germany
7—**LARRY PAUL,** England
8—**CHARKEY RAMON,** Australia
9—**DONATO PADUANO,** Canada
10—**MIGUEL CASTELLINI,** Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
2—**ANGEL ESPADA,** Puerto Rico
3—**FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ,** Dominican Rep.
4—**JOHN STRACEY,** England
5—**ROCKY MATTIOLI,** Australia
6—**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
7—**JOHNNY GANT,** Washington D.C.
8—**ARMANDO MUNIZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**SANDY TORRES,** Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia
2—**ESTEBAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
3—**PEDRO FERNANDEZ,** Spain
4—**TONY PETRONELLI,** Taunton, Mass.
5—**TONI ORTIZ,** Spain
6—**LEONCIO ORTIZ,** Mexico
7—**MONROE BROOKS,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**BROOKS BYRD,** Clovis, N.M.
9—**MIGUEL BARRETO,** Puerto Rico
10—**LAUDIAL NEGRON,** Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
2—**ANGEL MAYORAL,** Las Vegas, Nev.
3—**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
4—**RUDY BARRO,** Philippines
5—**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
6—**ISHIMATSU SUZUKI,** Japan
7—**ARTURO PINEDA,** Mexico
8—**RAY LUNNY III,** San Francisco, Calif.
9—**MIGUEL MAYAN,** San Diego, Calif.
10—**HUGO BARRAZA,** Colombia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA,** Japan
2—**SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN,** Norway
3—**ALFREDO ESCALERA,** Puerto Rico
4—**TYRONE EVERETT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany
6—**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
7—**JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE,** France
8—**APOLLO YOSHIO,** Japan
9—**JOSE FERNANDEZ,** New York, N.Y.
10—**SAMUEL SERRANO,** Puerto Rico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
2—**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
3—**LIONEL HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
4—**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
5—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
6—**ALEX ARGUELLO,** Nicaragua
7—**ART HAFEY,** Canada
8—**SHIG FUKUYAMA,** Japan
9—**ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMINEZ,** Spain
10—**ROYAL KOBAYASHI,** Japan

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SOO HWAN HONG, Korea
1—**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
2—**BENICO SOSA,** Argentina
3—**RODOLFO MARTIŃEZ,** Mexico
4—**ROMEO ANAYA,** Mexico
5—**ARNOLD TAYLOR,** South Africa
6—**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina
7—**FRANCISCO VILLEGAS,** Puerto Rico
8—**DAVID VASQUEZ,** New York, N.Y.
9—**ALFONSO ZAMORA,** Mexico
10—**JOSE LUIS SOTO,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
2—**VICENTE POOL,** Mexico
3—**THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI,** Thailand
4—**SHOJI OGUMA,** Japan
5—**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
6—**SUSUMU HANAGATA,** Japan
7—**ERBITO SALVARRIA,** Philippines
8—**CECIL ESCOBIDO,** Philippines
9—**FERNAND CABANELA,** Philippines
10—**BIG JIM WEST,** Australia

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Rochell Norris Atlantic City, N.J.	3/73	8	7	1	0	5
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Doug Demmings Minneapolis, Minn.	8/73	9	7	2	0	3
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Tony Gardner Memphis, Tenn.	12/69	31	26	5	0	21
WELTERWEIGHT						
Wilfredo Benitez Puerto Rico	11/73	13	13	0	0	11
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Javier Muniz Los Angeles, Calif.	8/73	11	10	0	1	5
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Manuel Lujan San Diego, Calif.	4/74	9	9	0	0	4
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Johnny Jensen Los Angeles, Calif.	8/74	4	4	0	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Juan Jose Guzman Dominican Rep.	10/73	10	10	0	0	6

MUHAMMAD ALI FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

FIGHTER of the Month? The choice is automatic—the winner of the Big Fight in Zaire.

He is Muhammad Ali, again world champion, who scored a KO over George Foreman.

The No. 2 choice is John Conteh, whom Britain has been hailing as the light heavyweight champion of the world on the basis of his victory over Jorge Ahumada, of the Argentine.

Conteh's success was clearly defined but the man from the Argentine, who actually beat Bob Foster and got only a draw, gave a good account of himself.

In fact, Foster was so dissatisfied with his poor showing that he announced his retirement.

Aside from the Foreman-Ali fight there was no action of any note in the heavyweight division.

Behind the Battle of the Congo there was little action in the heavyweight class.

Joe Bugner, champion of Europe, beat Jose Luis Garcia, Bonavena beat Oliver Wright, and that was it. Here is how the heavy challengers shape up after Zaire.

1. George Foreman; 2, Joe Frazier; 3, Ron Lyle; 4, Oscar Bonavena; 5, Joe Bugner; 6, Ken Norton; 7, Jerry Quarry; 8, Chuck Wepner; 9, Henry Clark; 10, Larry Middleton.

Noting that the light heavy class is one of the four minus a recognized legal champion, we find that Conteh is the No. 1 contender with the rest following in this sequence:

Len Hutchins, Victor Galindez, Jorge Ahumada, Tom Bogs, Karl Heinz Klein, Avenamar Peralta, Richie Kates, Alvaro Lopez and Britain's Phil Matthews, who beat Raul Loyola for the No. 10 spot.

In the middleweight division, over which the reign of Carlos Monzon is more confirmed than ever, the realignment shows this listing:

1, Rodrigo Valdez; 2, Tony Licata; 3, Gratien Tonna; 4, Emile

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By RAY MITCHELL

SYDNEY, Australia — With Tony Mundine grabbing all the fight publicity in Australia in 1973, the carpet was jerked from under his feet in May of that year with the announcement that Commonwealth and Australian junior welter champion Hector Thompson had secured a world lightweight title fight with Roberto Duran in Panama.

Thompson's managers, Doug James and Brian Ogilvie, and his trainer Reg Layton had been working quietly. No fuss, no big talk, no speculation. They got the fight and that was that.

Hector Thompson is like that. So is Reg Layton. They are two quiet unassuming but confident men who do their jobs without hubbub. Hec and Reg fit together like a hand in a boxing glove.

Before they left Reg phoned me. "How do you think Hec will go?" he asked.

"About six rounds," I replied. "Eight at the most. Duran is one of the all-time great lightweights. Hec has a great kit but he doesn't put it all together yet.

Defeat By Duran Taught Australia's Thompson Plenty

"In any case," I added, "Hec is stronger at junior welter."

Reg and Hector left Australia quietly and there were no brass bands, no flag-waving to see them go. Only their friends and immediate families. But Australian fight fans are like that. Jimmy Carruthers, Lionel Rose and Johnny Famechon were three who left for overseas glory, and only a handful of people watched them go. Perhaps the reason was that only one boxing writer tipped each of those three to win a world title. (Pardon my blushes.) Nobody tipped Thompson to beat Duran—apart from his handlers.

But enormous crowds welcomed Carruthers, Rose and Famechon when they returned with world crowns. Mayoral receptions and ticker-tape welcomes greeted them.

In September, 1974, Tony Mundine left Sydney to meet Carlos Monzon for the world middleweight title, and only a handful of people were present. (On TV prior to the Monzon-Mundine fight I stated: "Monzon will knock out Mundine in the seventh round." He did.)

No brass bands when Tony returned home.

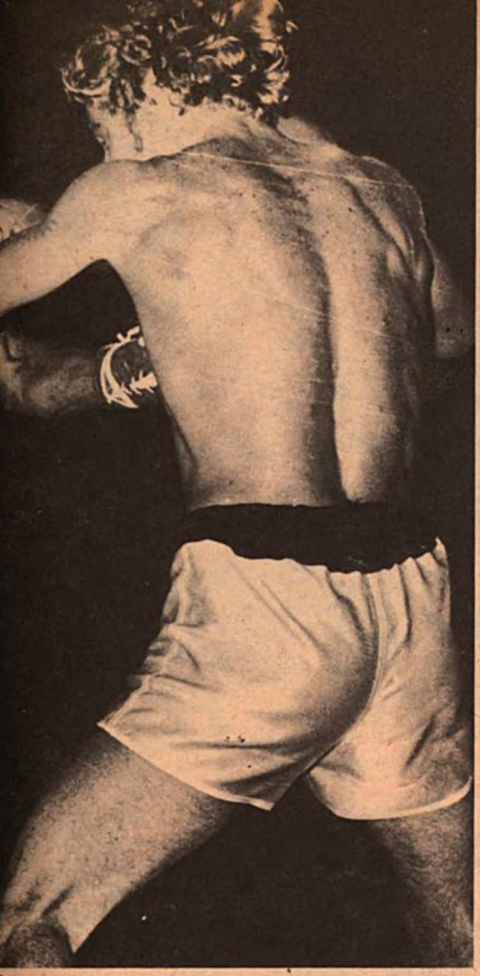
You know the result of the Duran-Thompson bout: Duran won by KO in round eight. Hec and Reg came home to see only the media and friends at the airport.

The Duran fight did Thompson a world of good. The potential which always had been with him, started to develop. Hec now is putting everything together. It has taken a long time but with recent victories over Carlos Gimenez and Jimmy Heair, Thompson has an even-money chance of toppling Antonio Cervantes for the world junior welter crown.

Right now he must rank very highly in both junior welter and lightweight divisions—he scaled only 135 for Heair, yet won by a big margin of points.

Hector Thompson is a good-looking young Australian Aboriginal, born at Kempsey, northern New South Wales, June 28, 1949. He had 20 amateur bouts—not big-time—winning 17. He turned up at Newcastle, the steel and coal city that once was the fightingest

Here's Hector getting a few tips from trainer Reg Layton.



(Left) Hector Thompson connects with a hard left to the body of Rex Downward during their second meeting in 1972, won by Thompson via the KO route. (Right) Hector is in the act of defeating Leo Young in a 10-rounder.

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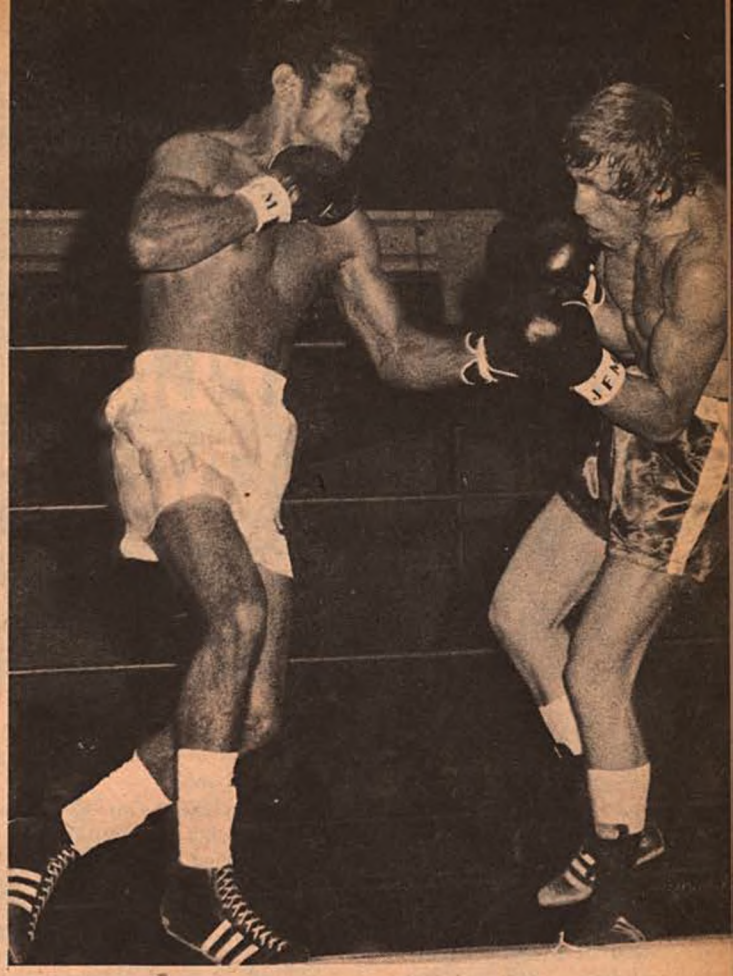

town in Australia, and put himself in the hands of trainer Ron Short.

Hec began his professional career on March 11, 1970, in a four-round preliminary at South Sydney Leagues Club, Redfern. The result was a draw.

Then he started on a series of wins that took him to ten-round main-events by the time he'd been paid a dozen times.

Long before his first main Hector's potential was obvious. Those in the fight game were tipping titles for him while he was boxing four-rounders. The class was there, that extra something that allowed him to defeat boys who had had much more experience.

Thompson punched crisply, sharply, with minimum of effort. He was relaxed; he was tough. But he didn't hit as hard as he appeared to.

Because his punches were crisp and sharp, his blows appeared to carry more authority than they did. His fault lay in that he punched from the shoulders, not from the heel. He didn't turn on the ball of his foot when he hit. He should have watched films of Tony Zale, a master in getting every ounce of power from every punch.

His first real test came on August 10, 1970. It was Hec's 10th pro fight, and it was an eight-round semi-wind-up against experienced and cagy Stephen Dale at Melbourne Festival Hall. Thompson won on points.

He followed one week later with a solid points win over Peter Lord in an eight. Less than three weeks later he had his first main. It was against tough firebrand Sid Capewell at Brisbane Festival Hall, and Thompson won on points because he was too smart, and he liked a slugging brawl when he was unable to indulge in long-range boxing.

He surprised a few of the experts when he outpointed Ricky Day over eight in Melbourne in his next bout, but again it was the classy boxing that won the fight.

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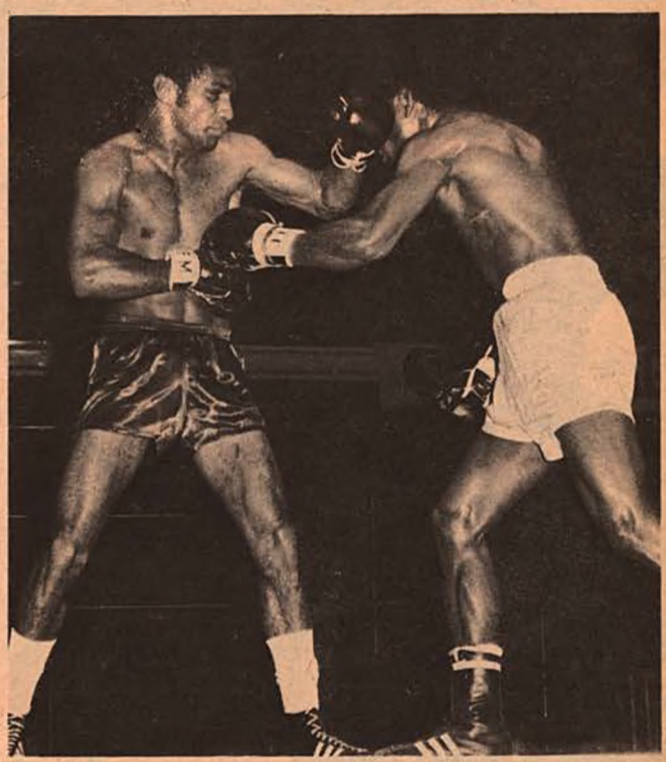

Thompson wards off a left thrown by Jimmy Noel, whom Hector defeated in 10 rounds.

Sean Morton Downey Jr. (seated) confers with Wayne Nelson. They are the co-founders of World Team Boxing.

WORLD TEAM BOXING PLANS JANUARY DEBUT

By JOHN ORT

TAKE two of the most popular concepts in boxing, the nationally televised Friday night fights and the boxing teams of Olympic Games and you get an idea of what the new professional World Team Boxing League is all about.

The brainchild of two Washington D.C.-based businessmen who confess to a love for the sport of boxing and believe that properly packaged boxing will again become America's number one spectator sport, the WTB has found team owners in 23 cities throughout the United States, and expects to begin competition in January, 1975, with 30 teams.

A WTB team consists of 10 fighters, two in each of five weight classes—heavy, middle, light, feather and welter plus a taxi squad to replace injured boxers.

Most of the fights would be six-rounders and the team would fight every week for a 30-week schedule. To give the boxers a rest they would fight only once every other week.

In some respects these ideas are revolutionary to old time boxing buffs who have been quick to point out problem areas, but the organizers, Sean Morton Downey, Jr., who was also one of the founders of the American Basketball Association and Wayne F. Nelson, who is an investment advisor, flatly state that it is those same old timers who are responsible for the state of the boxing today.

Downey is flanked by Edwin Dooley, Chairman of the N.Y. State Athletic Commission and former heavyweight king Jersey Joe Walcott, Commissioner of WTB.

"Some revolutionary ideas must be introduced into the game to win back the sporting audience which has largely abandoned boxing for other sports such as football and hockey." Downey asserts "Roughly two thirds of our league owners are businessmen whose only contact with boxing until now has been as fans. The other one-third are boxing promoters who recognize that WTB will control boxing in the United States within the next 2 to 3 years."

One such boxing promoter is Pete Ashlock, who has organized the league throughout the Southwestern United States.

"We are building our league with young boxing talent", Ashlock explained. "Most of our boxers come from amateur programs and as our league develops so will the boxers. In two to three years we will have developed some excellent contenders."

Another team owner, Frank Opie, a criminal lawyer from Boston who typifies the owner without a boxing background, states, "Most people who will come to watch our teams compete are not boxing experts. They want to see a hard-hitting action packed fight. If a fighter lacks the finesse which an old line boxing fan would appreciate but makes up for it by putting on an entertaining fight, we believe we will have large crowds.

John Madden, the head coach of the Oakland Raider football team and half-owner of the San Jose, California, boxing team puts it even more succinctly, "We are frankly not as interested in attracting the 500 boxing fans who show up at every boxing match as we are in building a whole new boxing audience. We want the people who get excited about boxing once a year for heavyweight championship fight to become excited about following our teams on a regular basis."

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(Left) A pair of scantily-clad maids mix it up to the edification of the spectators. (Above) The gal whose derriere is prominently shown is about to receive a swift kick which will stop her in her tracks. Some fun, eh what?

WOMEN'S LIB: TOKYO STYLE

By SIMON SOMERFIELD

TOKYO — The Women's Lib movement in Tokyo is officially only two years old but already there has been an increase in the number of women taking part in contact sports. These young girls fought three one-minute rounds in a kick-boxing tournament that was televised weekly by a major Tokyo television service, the sponsors of the program awarding the winners costly household appliances.

Kick-boxing, modeled on the traditional Thai version, is very popular in Japan and is televised three times weekly nowadays, the contestants normally being men.

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

(Above) Smiling for the camera is Sam Taub, complete with familiar fedora and bow tie. (Below) At a recent birthday party for Sam can be seen Jack Dempsey and wife, Deanna, along with Dick Young and Bill Gallo, of the New York Daily News, the late Meyer Chinsky, Ossie Feldman, Harry Stickevers, Lou Salica, Grace Salica, Jack Amiel and Jimmy O'Connor.

Last of Three Parts

By SAM TAUB

WHO was the greatest promoter of boxing I ever knew? Tex Rickard unquestionably stood out among others. He stood head and shoulders above all competition once he became part of the cauliflower business. He got his baptism when Joe Gans beat Battling Nelson on a foul in 42 rounds in Goldfield, Nev., on Sept. 3, 1906.

Rickard promoted and refereed the return of James J. Jeffries against Jack Johnson in their heavyweight title match in Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910. Tex also was the first promoter of a million dollar gate when Jack Dempsey met Georges Carpentier at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, on July 2, 1921.

Rickard promoted other million dollar gates, including the first and second Dempsey-Tunney ten-round bouts in Philadelphia and Chicago, both of which passed the $2,000,000 mark with a $40 top. Rickard was still active in boxing, passing away while promoting a ten-round bout in Miami between Jack Sharkey and Young Stribling in 1929. Rickard was a dapper dresser with cane, fedora and cigar. When he first came to New York, he lived at the old Waldorf Astoria on 34th Street.

Mike Jacobs, who was close to Rickard, is second in our judgment as the outstanding fight promoter. He and Tex were close friends for years. Mike did his share of promoting of title matches, especially the fight of a month scraps in which Joe Louis defended his heavyweight crown against all competition.

As for fight managers, in our book Jack Kearns, who took over the management of Jack Dempsey, then in the building-up stage, and maneuvered him into a bout with Jess Willard, the Pottawatomie Giant, in Toledo, Ohio, on July 4, 1919, was tops.

Big Fred Fulton and other contenders were tomahawaked by the "Manassa Mauler". Promoter Rickard finally agreed to book him for the title with the giant Willard, who took a terrible licking in relinquishing his laurels. Kearns' job as Dempsey's manager was a work of art. Incidentally, Willard was the first heavyweight king I ever saw perform when he outpointed Frank Moran in a ten round no-decision affair in the 4th Avenue Madison Square Garden. That was on May 25, 1916.

Talking about fight managers, let's not overlook the only man ever to pilot two heavyweight kings — William A. Brady. He was the manager of James J. Corbett when he dethroned John L. Sullivan. Later on, he took over the reins of James J. Jeffries, the Boilermaker, who became Brady's second titleholder when he kayoed Bob (Ruby Robert) Fitzsimmons. Later, Brady became a theatrical man, having his own theatre, the William A. Brady Playhouse on West 45th St. Incidentally, Brady's daughter, Alice, was quite an actress.

A gathering of newspapermen and broadcasters at a dinner honoring Col. Eddie Eagen. Sam Taub is second from the left.

Taub and Bill Stern at the mike before the start of big heavyweight fight in pre-war days for NBC.

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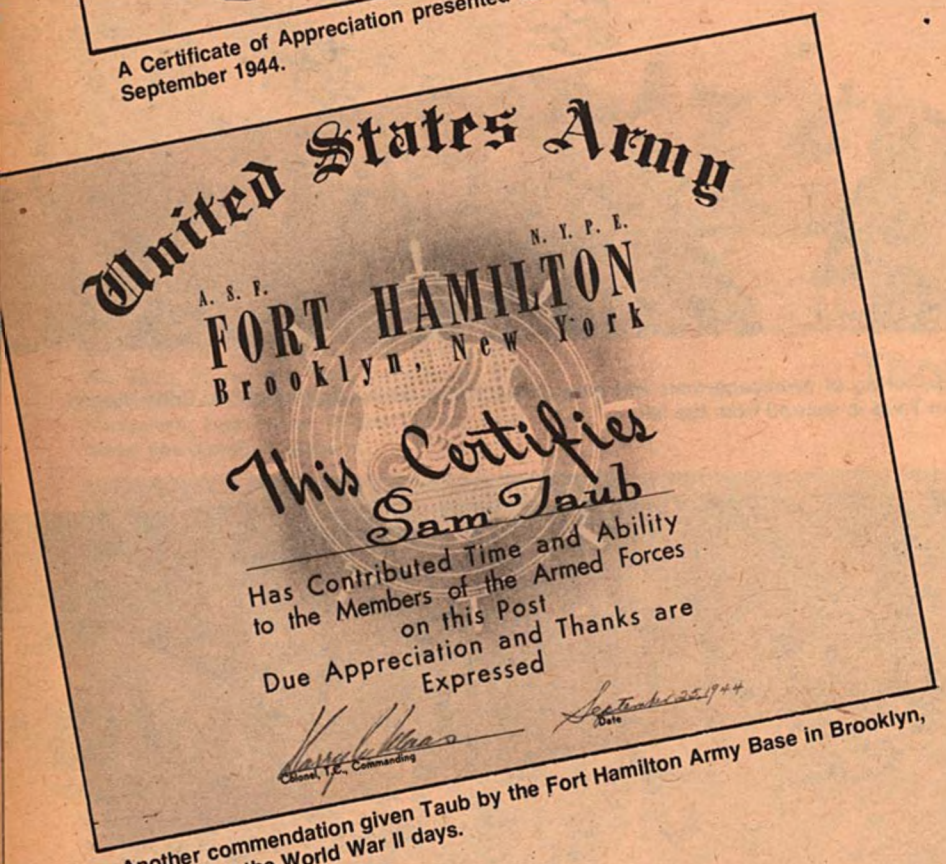

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Another commendation given Taub by the Fort Hamilton Army Base in Brooklyn, also during the World War II days.

A recent photo of a pair of aces, Gene Tunney, the retired undefeated heavyweight king, and the plucky octogenarian, our own Mr. Taub.

Of fighters seen in action, for color, glamor and sheer thrills, there was only one Jack Dempsey. There were heroics, as well as fireworks, every time he entered the ring. In defeat against Gene Tunney, there was the still debated Long Count. Who can forget his two-round kayo over Luis Angel Firpo in the Polo Grounds in 1923, when Jack himself was catapulted through the ropes in the wild first round, which saw the "Wild Bull of the Pampas" going to the canvas seven times?

While on the subject of past ring glory, let's not forget the gentlemen of fistiana. Corbett was the first. We'd say Tunney would come under that classification. And above all, the top man in that category would be the handsome Philadelphian and former light heavyweight champion, Tommy Loughran.

And now is as good as time as any to recall the most famous referees. In the early days, Charley White, "Eagle Eyes", was rated top. Then came others like Harry Ertle, New Jersey's best, Harry Stout, out of Milwaukee, Pop Reilly, big gun in Philadelphia and Lou Magnolia, from the Rockaways in New York. Later on came the famous Arthur Donovan, son of Prof. Mike, who refereed most of Joe Louis' title fights. Incidentally, an oddity in this respect Prof. Mike is a member of the Boxing Hall of Fame. His son Arthur was a good middleweight and a standout referee. Arthur's son, in turn, Art, was a star tackle with the Baltimore Colts and is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Let's not forget the outstanding trio who made ring history in New York rings as announcers. There was the one and only Joe Humphreys, who was associated with Terry McGovern, one time bantam and featherweight king. Next in line was the man of diction, Harry Balogh, who made a memorable speech from the ring the night Joe Louis made his first appearance in the Yankee Stadium against Primo Carnera. Our third nominee and a good one in his own right, Johnny Addie. They're gone but the memory of their voices lingers on.

We never tire of talking about the famous Bat Masterson, one of our bosses on The Morning Telegraph. One incident is still vivid in our memory. Bat had charge of the racing ads. One night, who came up to see the former lawman but little Charley Rose, the last of the boxing gang still on the Broadway beat. He was accompanied by big Carl Morris, the Sapulpa Giant, and John (the Barber) Reisler, the promoter. Bat greeted Charley warmly but when he learned

Reisler was in the party he blew his stack and ordered him from the premises, inviting only Rose and Morris to enter his quarters.

When Dempsey was matched to meet Georges Carpentier, the "Orchid Man," in Boyle's Thirty Acres, in what proved to be the first bona fide million dollar gate, they came in droves from England and France. What a thrill we got when who should walk into The Morning Telegraph office but Charley Mitchell, the man who fought a 39-round draw with John L. Sullivan in Chantilly; France, and Great Britain's noted referee, Eugene Corri, who always refereed the bouts in his country from outside rather than inside the ring. They were here to see the fight.

Through our many years in newspaperdom and later on radio and at the start of TV, we also had occasion to be a publicist in camps of men who were champions. We had experiences with Jack Dempsey as head publicist for the Max Baer-Max Schmeling fight staged in the Yankee Stadium on June 8, 1933. That was a strenuous time for the "Manassa Mauler". He not only was the co-promoter of the fight but he also brought an innovation to the sport—by boxing with both principals in their respective training camps.

Our public relations work with the big ones was pre-dated by the same work we did years before for the McMahon Brothers, Jess and Ed, at the Commonwealth Sporting Club, and for Jack Jennings, who did a fine job running weekly shows at the Oakland A.A., in Jersey City, in the days when boxing was "kaput" in New York State.

We had seen duty with "Sugar Ray" Robinson when he trained for his light heavyweight title match with Joey Maxim when people were swooning from the hot weather in their setto in the Yankee Stadium. I then put in two weeks work at the camp originally opened by Mme. Bey's at Summit, N.J., where Kid Gavilan was preparing for a successful defense of his welterweight crown against Gil Turner, a Herman Taylor promotion in Philadelphia's Shibe Park on July 7, 1952, when "The Hawk" scored an 11th-round knockout. We later went to North Adams, Mass., to help in the camp reports from the quarters of Archie Moore, who failed to lift Rocky Marciano's crown.

Then we put in many years at Patterson's quarters, starting when he was working out in Cicero, Ill., for his match with Moore for the title vacated by Rocky Marciano. We had been with Floyd and his manager, Cus D'Amato, through many campaigns after he became the kingpin by beating Moore in five rounds in Chicago. We were with the combine in many of their bouts throughout the country and Canada.

We have been in many camps in our times. Robinson was unpredictable. There were times he'd take off for a day and then we had to do a lot of checking up. With Patterson, the man with the fast fist, it was different. He kept up his reputation of being

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(Above) An NBC publicity photo for Adam Hats fight broadcasts by Taub and Stern. (Left) Here's Sam with his late pal, Broadway artist and sign man, Meyer Chinsky.

PUNCH LINES

ANDY THANKS RING

I CANNOT begin to thank you, The Ring, for using my story. It was a very gracious thing for you to do and it has made me feel ten feet tall and ten years younger.

Again expressing my appreciation,

Andy Niederreiter
San Diego, Calif.

THIS FAN IS ANNOYED

An annoying point about the W.B.C. and the W.B.A. is that they both pick different fighters as champion of each division. This may help promotion to some extent but the fans can't be confident as to who is the real champion of a given division. I think most people will agree that one champion is adequate. That is one of the reasons the lighter weight classes get so little recognition from the fans—because the W.B.C. and W.B.A. can't recognize one man as champion either. So without a champion to beat, how can you draw interest for that division? Do you know that out of the 10 recognized weight classes only 2 are universally recognized as champions: George Foreman and Jose Napoles. With Foster's retirement, the light heavy class is without a champion for the first time in years. And the cause of it all, you could say, is the W.B.C. and the W.B.A.

I think maybe if these organizations would evaluate the situation more carefully they would see the bad situation many weight divisions are in and perhaps take steps to sew it all back up again.

Terry Tobinson
Greencastle, Ind.

AN OLD WRESTLING STUNT

Years ago I saw a wrestling match in Paris. I saw one of the grapplers reach into a pocket inside his trunks, get a capsule of what may have been ketchup, bust it over his head, and smear himself with what was supposed to be blood. A minute later he sank to the mat in alleged agony.

When I read about Foreman's cut eye I was reminded of the wrestler.

Did Foreman actually get cut? Did he need more training time?

Some years ago The Ring ran occasional pieces by Dan Daniel labelled The Ring Detective. I was sorry that this series was discontinued and hope it is revived, at least with a piece about the Cut Eye of the Congo.

Abraham Ngoolah
Kinshasa, Zaire

HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT

I do not believe that Foreman's cut eye was an accident. I believe it was the result of the genius of Dick Sadler when he found Foreman not responding to training.

I would like the Ring to analyze this matter to its many possibilities. On the level or phoney?

Harry Friedman
New York, N.Y.

ON THE LEVEL

Fight fans are the most doubting people in the world. And not without reason.

I believe the cut eye story. I believe that McMurray cut George's eye by accident and I am sure that Foreman would not become a party to any scheme like a cut eye to give George more training time.

Frank Harley
Houston, Texas

SORRY TO SEE FOSTER GO

I am sure that thousands of fight fans are as sorry as I am that Bob Foster has retired and given up the light heavy title. Foster was a great fighter and a credit to the game and the title.

I would not be surprised that his retirement came when he was feeling low after the Ahumada draw and that within six months he will be back in action.

Neil Fagin
San Francisco, Calif.

GLAD THAT BOB HAS GONE

I am glad that Bob Foster has retired. I like the guy and did not want to see what would have happened to him if he had fought Victor Galindez of the Argentine. Galindez would have hurt him a lot. It would not have been a fight like the one with Ahumada.

Jose Jiminiz,
Buenos Aires

LIKES THE RING STAND

I admire the stand of the Ring in refusing to be a blind follower of the W B A or the W B C in awarding titles and in stripping champions of their laurels. I am especially gratified that The Ring refuses to call either Chacon or Olivares the legal featherweight champion. These men should fight it out, as The Ring demands. It would be a fine contest and, if Olivares did his training, he would win.

Gordon, Klinger
Juarez, Mexico

DEMANDS MORE ATTENTION TO FLYWEIGHTS

The flyweight class has a long and honorable history. You have been giving it too little attention. Please analyze the situation in the class from month to month more carefully. The flys are worth it.

Allie Gaines
Los Angeles, Calif.

WHO WAS BRITAIN'S GREATEST?

Our lunch group has had a running argument for some weeks about the greatest fighters in British history. We have got down to Henry Cooper, Jem Driscoll and Jimmy Wilde. It is difficult to pick from among the three because of the weight differences. Also, because of the years stretching between Driscoll and Cooper. We do not doubt that if there were a poll in Britain right now it would be Cooper. What is the opinion of The Ring on this subject?

George Franklin
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Editor's Note – The choice in a poll would be Cooper. He almost stopped Ali, who was saved by Angie Dundee's torn glove trick. Driscoll was Britain's greatest boxer. Wilde close by.

WANTS STORY ABOUT HAWAIIANS

The Hawaiian ring nowadays is a stopping place for Japanese, Filipino and American fighters. The impression among Ring readers may be that Hawaii never had any fighters of its own. I would like the Ring to run a story about native Hawaiian fighters and their achievements. Who started boxing in Honolulu? I am sure that a story of that type would be appreciated by Ring readers in the Islands.

Ms. Dorothy Kamahamua
Honolulu, Hawaii

THE DEMPSEY LEGEND

The Dempsey Legend is a rich one. It is being allowed to die out and that is very bad for boxing not only in this country but in the world. Dempsey came at a time when he was badly needed by the fight game. Willard had helped it not at all. He hated fighting and was not a great fighter, certainly not a great champion. Please do not let the Dempsey Legend die out. Baseball people are warned likewise about the Babe Ruth Legend.

Frenchy Garrigues
New Orleans, La.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

BROADWAY lost it's last outpost for celebrities when the story broke about the closing of Jack Dempsey's restaurant in the Brill Building. It was the Last of the Mohicans and when the story broke many were saddened. The "Manassa Mauler" had been a fixture in the place and customers and fans alike would turn out to shake his hand and get his autograph.

Dempsey was the last of the glove wielders to have an eating emporium. Years ago, before the "Manassa Mauler" first came to New York to become part of the fistic scene, first with John Reisler and later with the famous Jack 'Doc' Kearns, we had Jim Corbett with his spot in the Normandy Hotel and Norman (Kid McCoy) Selby also on the local scene, Corbett originally from San Francisco and Selby from Detroit.

Dempsey's place was a legend. Even his first spot at 50th St. & 8th Avenue, where my Morning Telegraph was housed, saw celebrities from all walks of life invade its sanctum sanctorum. The Garden was located right across the street and the fistic crowd would break bread and talk over old times. It was Jack Amaron who was associated with Dempsey then.

Even the close pals of the "Mauler" would frequent the Great Northern Hotel, on West 57th St., when Dempsey was one of the owners. Because of Jack, the Sports Broadcasters Association and others made it a point to have their luncheons there and many of them checked in at the popular hotel.

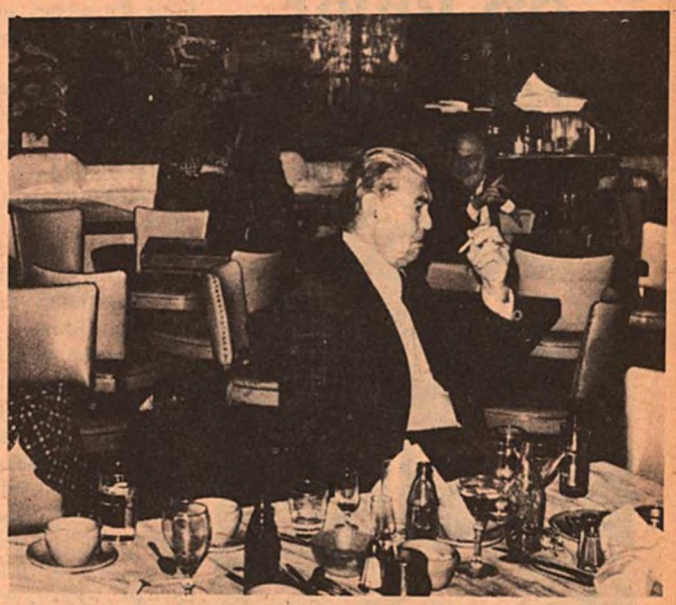
Later on, when Dempsey hooked up with Jack Amiel, who for years ran the Turf Restaurant, at the corner of 49th St. & Broadway, it became the meeting place for men from the boxing game. Promoters, managers, boxers, trainers, and what have you, could all be found at Dempsey's to greet and regale each other with tales about the boxing game. A fight night in Madison Square Garden's 8th Avenue Arena meant the gathering of the clan at Jack Dempsey's for dinner and late for another tete-a-tete when the boxing fireworks ended.

It was Dempsey himself who became a prophet when the 8th Avenue Garden moved to its present quarters near the Ring Magazine offices. In the words of the dynamiter: "When the Garden moved from 50th St. to 31st St. it was very bad for our restaurant. That was the beginning of the end. We started to lose our fistic crowds that were always present."

Broadway will never be the same again. Talk about Dempsey opening a new spot are heard but Jack will never forget those happy moments he spent in his place in the Brill Building, sitting just inside the entrance, signing autographs and greeting his pals, figures from all phases of the world, including actors and actresses, political bigwigs, etc.

Time waits for no man. Jack hasn't been too well, his arthritis giving him heaps of trouble. He finally found himself using a cane. His spirit is the same. Always happy and trying to remember them all from Jim Farley, Ed Sullivan, John Lindsay, Surrogate Nat Soble, et al. You name them and most of them will tell you of their visits to the "Manassa Mauler's" eating emporium.

After the news of the closing came the story from London, England, that Barbara, step-daughter of Dempsey, who was in London, had attempted to contact Queen Elizabeth, whose people are supposed to own the Brill Building property, but could not make contact with Buckingham Palace. She tried to tell them about what happened to Dempsey, who, with Jack Amiel, had to finally relinquish claim to the spot because of inability to further go on at the higher rental demanded. Broadway had deteriorated and it was impossible to carry on. For the man with the iron fists it was a tremendous blow. What was left of the clientele had to shift and find some other spot to congregate and reminisce. It was the end of another era for the man from Manassa, Colorado. It was a shock to him after spending 37 years at the one spot.



Jack Dempsey sits pensively in the New York restaurant that bears his name. It wasn't an hour after this picture was snapped that his eating establishment closed its doors for the last time.

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Ironically enough, a man who was one of Dempsey's biggest boosters, Ed Sullivan, of sports and theatrical fame, who became a household legend with his "Toast of the Town," famous CBS television show, passed away less than a week after the news of Dempsey's being closed. Sullivan was a great boxing enthusiast in his time, even before he became sports editor of The Evening Graphic and later columnist for the Daily News. His early love in the fistic world was Dempsey and the man he was very close to while he was alive was Johnny Dundee, the "Scotch Wop".

Sullivan, a cancer victim at 72, lost his wife, Sylvia, the year before. They had been married 43 years and left a daughter, Betty, wife of Bob Precht, who handled the Sullivan shows. Five grandchildren also survive. Sullivan rarely missed a fight of importance in Madison Square Garden and often could be seen in Dempsey's on a Sunday afternoon having a snack and hobnobbing with some of his friends. We worked on The Morning Telegraph when Ed did some editorial work and later was with him on the Evening Graphic, where he gave up his sports editor's job to become a Broadway columnist. He had spent a few years in California doing work along that line before coming to the Daily News.

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Steve Hamas, famous athlete from Penn State and a great competitor among the heavyweights, having had winning and losing

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ALI OUTFOUGHT, OUTLASTED AND OUTWITTED FOREMAN IN A CLASSIC UPSET

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name out of The Ring Magazine as the champion. I want to enjoy it for a while."

I had been told earlier by Angelo Dundee that if Ali won he would not retire. Obviously the money must be good to keep the champ in the showcase.

We asked Hank Schwartz, vice president of Video Techniques, who fed the fight into theatres and had a lot to do with putting it together, if he were interested in a return fight.

"It's too soon to say," said Hank. "Could be".

Would he hold a second fight in Zaire? "Why not, it has been good to boxing and to me, certainly financially. Right now I'd like to go fishing". So said Hank Schwartz.

Before the fight I had talked to Don King who put the fight together in its early stages and was the glue that held it together during the period when money was hard to find. Don was asked what the future might bring.

He felt that in addition to the obvious possibilities that could be big time he would like to open up Cuba with a possible meeting in Havana between Teofilo Stevenson, (the last Olympic winner, reported to be a real killer diller) and Ali.

No trip to a country like Zaire would be complete without passing on some of the various aspects of the promotion and the country itself.

Picture, if you can, arriving in Kinshasa by way of Paris without any sleep other than the "plane doze", for some 14 hours. You arrive at the airport in Kinshasa called Di-Jilli, and are met by officials who assure you that all is well.

"No trouble". This was to become the phrase of common bond among the visitors. Where are the buses to take us from N'Sele to Kinshasa? Answer, "No trouble". Incidentally N'Sele is to President Mobutu what Camp David is to an American president, guards and all. A flat, brown and green plateau area with a steel fence and two of the President's homes that look something like pagodas and were a present from the Chinese, who have more than a passing interest in this country.

Though a dictatorship, it is a regime that is attempting to put a 17th century country into the 20th century. A trip to Zaire would convince you that there are problems.

The people were warm, courteous, kind, clean, brave, reverent, real boy scouts who reacted to orders from higher ups that we were to be treated with kid gloves and friendliness.

Many of the Zairois were honest in their warmth. For others it was just another job, no different than to be told that at the weigh-in it would be nice if several thousand people were to show up. Of course it was only coincidence that the weigh-in held at 11:45 at night was being televised by ABC's Wide World of Sports.

There are almost no Afro haircuts in Africa and Africans laugh at the western black who arrives in one. The Zairois understand that the Afro haircut is purely a symbol for black people of pride in their race but they won't buy the hairdo for themselves. Men in Zaire have short cropped hair and the women attempt to outdo one another with hair that is twisted and at right angles to their heads with grooves running right down to the scalp forming patterns such as squares. The men still adapt Western attire.

The food is interesting. Beef is only now being introduced into the country. Milk is almost non-existent and water is a sure cure for constipation. Chickens are plentiful and the food at the compound was well prepared if somewhat lacking in imagination. Rice, boiled potatoes and chicken are there for who desire it. Lace this with monkey meat, water buffalo and a quart of beer—all beer comes in quarts.

Between getting credentials approved and obtaining one's "macaroon" (a two inch red plastic badge with a number) without which one is persona non grata at the dinner table or elsewhere, and fight tickets, delivered the night before the contest, we used up almost all of the "no problems" in reserve on the continent. As soon as we heard "no problem" we knew we really had one.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of this travelogue is shopping. Kinshasa has several markets as well as stores. The prices in the stores are fixed but in the markets shrewed bartering is the order of the day.

Ivory, malachite, native paintings, handicraft, wood masks, the whole catastrophe is pushed by many eager hawksters who come up to you offering an item for 30 Zaires (a Zaire is the equivalent of two U.S. dollars). They expect and enjoy bargaining.

An offer of one fifth is the rule of thumb and a purchase made at about one third the original price offering.

"I am you friend," is the most common opening phrase. One's arm is ensconced in a feverish grip. In the seller's other hand he has his wares. It can be anything from necklaces to spears, and the real thrill comes when two or more traders attempt to compete against one another for your Yankee dollar. In the markets they will take Zaires or U.S. Currency. It is hard to resist the bargain.

Practically every scribe bought something he later looked at while shaking his head in disbelief. My purchase was several ash trays without which my home in New York would be unfurnished. As it is I know what my wife will do with them. Signed, henpecked!

We are now ready to board a plane to get back to America. The press, of course, is going in different directions. We are waiting to go through customs who insist on a card showing more exchanges. Some of the men never got any. If you never hear from me again you'll know why. "No problem."

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*George Foreman, Hayward Calif.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
3—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
6—Henry Clark, San Francisco, Calif.
7—Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md.
8—Duane Bobick, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
4—Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Jesse Burnett, San Diego, Calif.
6—Vinnie Curto, Miami Beach, Fla.
7—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
8—James Scott, Newark, N.J.
9—Lonnie Bennett, Houston, Texas
10—John Griffin, Akron, Ohio

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1—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
2—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
4—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Mike Rossman, Pleasantville, N.J.
8—Nelson LaSalle, Puerto Rico
9—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
10—Marvin Hagler, Boston, Mass.

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*Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
1—Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
2—Cuby Top Cat Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
3—Clyde Washington, New Orleans, La.
4—Rocky DeFazio, Chicago, Ill.
5—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
6—Marco Gerardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
8—Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.
9—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
10—Keith Averett, Toledo, Ohio

WELTERWEIGHT
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
5—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
6—Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
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8—Paul Poirer, New Bedford, Mass.
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10—Avon Little, Washington D.C.

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4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Laudial Negron, Puerto Rico
6—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
7—Adolph Siruet, New York, N.Y.
8—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
9—Javier Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Al Scooter Meza, Kennwick, Wash.

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*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
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6—Ernesto Vann, Alburquerque, N.M.
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8—Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
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2—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
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10—Chuck Goodrum, Los Angeles, Calif.

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2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
6—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
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CERVANTES STOPS KADOTA IN EIGHT AT TOKYO

TOKYO, Japan — Antonio Cervantes, of Colombia, junior welter world champion, scored an eighth round KO over Sinichi Kadota, Nipponese southpaw.

In the process of giving Kadota a walloping, the South American decked the local eight times.

Kadota disappointed Japanese fans badly and Cervantes surprised them with this immediate solution of the lefthanded problem posed by Kadota.

VALDEZ DEFEATS CURTO, BENITEZ BROTHERS WIN

By SAM TAUB

Rodrigo Valdez, from Cartagena, Colombia, ranked by Ring as No. 1 contender for Carlos Monzon's crown, won a lop-sided ten round win over highly touted Vinnie Curto, of Boston, Mass., in a ten rounder that featured a flock of newcomers on the Madison Square Garden show.

Curto, with a 17-0-0 record, broke all foot records for stepping around at a clip as if he was on a motorcycle.

Valdez, scored a knockdown over his man in the seventh round for an eight count, but surprisingly enough Curto avoided further trips to the canvas.

The crowd didn't take kindly to the action. Valdez, an unanimous winner, scaled 163, and the loser 160 ¾.

Referee Johnny LoBianco had it 6-3-1, judge Al Reid, 7-3, judge Jack Gordon, 10-0. It was no match in our book. Curto, who came highly touted, apparently suffered from Gardenitis.

They had two families of brothers on the card which brought out 5,160 fans, for a gate of $30,351,58.

The Benitez boys from Carolina, P.R., came out winners but the three Summerhays, from Brantford, Ontario, went home without a win.

Wilfredo Benitez, 145, showed against Terry Summerhays, 148, Referee Paul Venti halting this one after 1:51 of the sixth round, the Canuck being down for an eight count in the sixth and was pounded freely when the arbiter intervened.

Brother Frankie Benitez, 137, decked his foe, Johnny Summerhays, 137½, in the opening canto, and pounded him thereafter, the Canadian failing to answer the bell for the seventh round.

That brought Pedro Soto, from Carolina, 180, in against Gary Summerhays, 176½, who was the loser on a majority decision in a battle that saw Soto, the deserving winner, absorb a bit of punishment himself. Gary did better than his brothers and was dishing it out, too, when the scrap ended.

As for the other eight, unbeaten Mike Rossman, from Turnersville, N.J., 160¾, proved a bit better than "Irish" Mike Morgan, from Minneapolis, 158½ pounds, thus keeping his winning streak intact.

▲Davey Vasquez, New York, came through with a great ten round victory over Earl Large, of Clovis, New Mexico, in an action filled affair that saw the loser knocked down with the first punch, a left hook to the body, out mauled by his foe in the second round, but then stage a blistering comeback that saw him gain a unanimous win. Vasquez scaled 119, Large 118.

Large, a substitute for John Spider Webb, who reminded one of former bantam king, Panama Al Brown, tossed bombs with his long arms and it looked possible Davey would get slaughtered. But suddenly the New Yorker switched his modus operandi, tore in with both fists flailing, battered the face and midsection of his opponent and left no doubt as to who would get the decision.

Vasquez, smaller than his foe in height, looked as if he was against a real tartar but he completely changed things.

Referee Georgie Coyle had it 6-4, judge Tony Castellano, 6-3-1, and judge Sam Irom, 8-2.

The semi-final, scheduled for eight, saw a 1:48 finish, when Chris Black, of Jamaica, 159, cut down Reggie Jones, of Newark, N.J., 161 lbs. Right off the reel a right-left combination floored Jones, then a left hook deposited him for the second time and Referee Barney Smith had no alternative but call it off when another left hook dropped the Jerseyman for the third time.

The audience of 877, which paid $3,955, also saw good action in the preliminaries. The six rounder between Hector Espinoza, of the Dominican Republic, 129½, and Ruby Ortiz, from Brooklyn, 131, was declared a draw, albeit Espinosa looked to have the edge. It was a lulu.

As for the two four rounders, both ending in unanimous wins. Marcial Santiago, of Loiza, P.R., 125½, conquered Ron White, from Brooklyn, 127. The opening four saw Larry Giello, from Bayonne, N.J., 161, beat Johnny Williams, New York, 160, in another slugfest.

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INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

IT WAS indeed a nice feeling to see Gene Tunney in attendance at a recent encounter at Madison Square Garden. To make matters more pleasant, was his being present at Jack Dempsey's birthday party. It gives boxing a lift and makes quite a thrill for lovers of boxing. I wish he could do this more often.

Since Cassius Clay-Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier and George Foreman came into prominence on at least a couple of hundred occasions, one question has been fired at me. "How would anyone of them have fared against Jack Dempsey or Joe Louis?"

Many times the late Rocky Marciano's name would be included. I guess always being a stickler for neutrality, I employ a tiny bit of diplomacy to skirt the question to avoid a complete answer. However, I think I give interesting answers, and a joke or two thrown in insuring that my reply was satisfactory. I'm convinced that I wasn't rude but also that a better answer was expected when one inquirer said, "Come now, Ruby, you can do better than that. I can read you like a book." I got a smile out of him when I said, "If you can read me like a book, I'll have to change the print."

Don't go away now for I'm going to get to the point. I can't recall anyone asking me how would the three aforementioned champions do against Gene Tunney. I'm sure Tunney will never be a forgotten man, what with being a fine gentleman, holding the light heavyweight and heavyweight titles and eventually retiring as undefeated heavyweight king. In 1955 he was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame. In scanning the record book I discovered another tremendous plus for Gene. He had 76 bouts and lost but one decision. This loss was to another great, the Pittsburgh Windmill, Harry Greb. They met four times after that and Tunney won two decisions. The other two bouts were no-decision bouts which are extinct in this country. That's really having a lot going for him. I believe his not being mentioned in comparison with the other champions was due mainly to Tunney not being on the fistic scene very often. I'm certain he'd like to but, from what I understand, he's interested in huge business matters and spends a great deal of time traveling. Although I was already boxing main events in the years 1926 and 1927, I regret that I never had the opportunity to see Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney in action.

As to Joe Louis, whom I had the pleasure of traveling with while in the Army, he is truly a gentleman and as a fighter, just great.

The late Rocky Marciano was the epitome of durability and determination. Combine this with his punching prowess, ability to take a punch and his crouching style which made him a difficult target, and you have to fit him in with the best.

Something I haven't yet rendered an opinion on is who would beat who. Sorry, next trip around.

GENE TUNNEY

Got a funny story for you. If the New York State Athleteic Commission Chairman reads this, please remember it's a joke. Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler, two super great lightweights engaged in a no-decision 12-rounder in New Jersey. The fight was exciting and a rematch took place just about one year later, in 1923, at Yankee Stadium. This was for the lightweight championship held by Leonard. Neither fighter looked like he would be close to the 135-pound requirement. Tendler got on this old fashioned scale first. A commissioner placed it at 135, the balance lever went directly to the center and a cry came "Tendler, 135 pounds."

Leonard then got on the scale, the same procedure the same shout. "Leonard, 135."

Years later Tendler told me in jest only, mind you, "You know something, Ruby, if they put Primo Carnera on that scale, he would have been 135 pounds, too."

BRITAIN HAILS CONTEH

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The result was a draw. Foster's stock fell considerably, especially as most ringsiders thought Ahumada deserved to win. Foster's connections then became reluctant to let him defend against Conteh, obviously influenced by his performance against Ahumada, and the World Boxing Council imposed a time limit for this fight to be signed.

Foster still took no notice, so the WBC declared the title vacant, and gave their approval for a contest between Ahumada and Conteh.

Foster then announced his retirement from the ring.

The World Boxing Association matched Victor Galindez of Argentina with American Len Hutchins for its version of the crown.

Now to the fight itself. The scoreline does not tell the full story, for although the margin was a wide one, Conteh had to produce his best form ever. Every round was a gruelling one, and Ahumada never let him relax, living up to his reputation for strength and durability.

Harry Vine, Chief Inspector of the British Boxing Board of Control, talked to me afterwards about the pre-fight moments in the dressing-rooms and in the corners. "I have rarely seen anyone so cool and confident as Conteh," he said. "Most boxers are at least a little bit on edge. Not Conteh. And this confidence showed itself in the actual contest."

Round one, and neat jabs by Conteh, who was out of range before Ahumada got a chance to counter. A good start by the Britisher, who weighed 174¼, with Ahumada scaling 174.

Round two, and an old cut under Conteh's right eye reopened as Ahumada used his strength to try and bulldoze his way through his opponent's defenses, but Conteh gave as good as he got.

The first telling blow of the bout came in the third. Ahumada was still bustling in, not worrying about taking one as long as he could give one, and this proved to be his undoing. Having delivered a left hook he took a similar punch in return that sent him reeling backwards, the ropes stopping him from a possible knockdown.

There followed the first proof, if any were needed of the Argentinian's durability. Somehow he survived, getting in close to nullify Conteh's follow-up, and by the end of the session he was actually fighting back.

This early success must have given Conteh added confidence and Ahumada food for thought.

Apparently unaffected by his setback, Ahumada kept both hands working in the fourth, but Conteh worked with him, and neither were prepared to concede an inch. It was that kind of fight. Both had come to win, neither was concerned with stalling. It would be the survival of the fittest, and victory would go to the one who could outpunch the other.

Conteh was all aggression in the fifth. Ahumada was rapidly realizing that he was meeting a foeman worthy of his steel, and didn't enjoy backing up. But back up he was forced to do, and this formula continued in the following session, with Conteh adding frequent right crosses to the accurate left jabs, hooks and uppercuts that were bewildering Ahumada.

Ahumada was losing, but no one would have thought so by the way in which he gritted his teeth and fought back fiercely every time he appeared to be in trouble. The eighth was a particularly hectic round, toe-to-toe, defenses neglected., just punch for punch, with the fans howling their appreciation.

The excellent physical condition of both men was a credit to themselves and those involved in their preparation. Both were marked. Ahumada's eyes were swollen and his mouth was damaged.

Conteh's injury under the right eye had worsened, and he was marked around the nose and mouth. Yet the pace had not slackened a great deal since the start.

In the 11th Conteh was back to his jabbing and hooking routine, and Ahumada was too weary to keep punching with him. The Argentinian could hardly see out of his left eye, and from this point until the end, it was Conteh all the way in spite of an Ahumada rally in the 13th and 14th, a rally that was great while it lasted but didn't have any visible effect on Conteh.

That was it for Ahumada. He had given his all, and the final session posed only the question of whether the Britisher would succeed in knocking out his man or stopping him.

The crowd were chanting "Conteh! Conteh!" as he ripped through his opponent's defenses with hooks and uppercuts. To his credit, Ahumada stayed upright and was still throwing punches, but these had no power. His contribution to this fight had been a worthy one, and no one realized this more than Conteh, who was lavish in his praise of the Argentinian.

The lad from Liverpool earned in the region of £45,000 sterling for his night's work. He gave a party at the Playboy Club for his family and friends, stayed there only about 20 minutes himself, then went on to spend all night at a Turkish bath, where manager George Francis applied an icepack to his injured eye and got to work on his facial injuries.

"I had no sleep at all," said John. "But then I didn't feel like sleeping. I feel great. And I want to thank everyone who helped me achieve this world title."

The following day John presented a cheque for £235,119 to a baker's roundsman named Arthur Smith, who had won this sum doing the football pools.

"Just imagine," said John. "All he had to do was put down eight crosses on a piece of paper, and he gets six times as much as I did." But he was laughing as he said it.

Helping him make the presentation was actress Britt Eklund. Yes, John is now a celebrity and loving every moment of it.

The first important thing that has happened since is that he has given up his European title, but will keep his British and Commonwealth crowns—at least for the time being.

Promoter Harry Levene stated, "I have always had great faith in John. I have a close relationship with him and manager George Francis, and I am more than thrilled. Obviously he will now have a rest, and I have in mind a defense in 1975 against Bob Foster, if he can be lured out of retirement."

The glory went to Conteh, but tribute should be paid his 46-year-old manager, George Francis, for the vital and important part he played in getting John both mentally and physically attuned for his big chance. I have known George for many years, ever since he was training amateurs at the St. Pancras Boxing Club in North London.

George has always impressed me with his dedication, his ability, his insistence on being a track-suit manager who trains with his boxers right down to the road-work, and above all his absolute honesty in saying what he believes, even though this has sometimes upset those he has criticized. You know where you stand with George, and he thoroughly deserves his success.

Incidentally, two days after John's victory, his 20-year-old brother, Gerard, a light-welter, outpointed Frank Edwards, representing a Mersey Select team against the Repton Club of London. His club won, 8-2. As there are seven Conteh brothers altogether, we'll be hearing this name for quite a few years.

I estimate that around 70 members of the Conteh family were at ringside to support him vocally. That must be unique in boxing history.

Nice to see Joe Bugner, St. Ives, 206, score a clean knockout. A left hook to the jaw put Jose Luis Garcia, Venezuela, 209, flat on his back in the second round, well and truly out.

European champion Bugner, who has been booed and criticized for failing to knock out some opponents, criticism which at times has been quite unfair, was elated at his quick victory, and the fans, fickle as always, gave him a great ovation.

It was easy for European welter champ John H. Stracey, Bethnal Green, 147¼, who stopped Tony Garcia, Puerto Rico, 150½, in three. Garcia was game enough, but as soon as Stracey turned it on the Puerto Rican was floored twice from two-handed assaults, whereupon referee Sid Nathan intervened.

Garcia was substituting for Canadian Marshall Butler, who was injured in a motor accident.

Former champion Chris Finnegan, 171½, who lost his title to John Conteh, outscored American Harold Richardson, 163¾, over

ten by 99½-96½.

Richardson was floored in the second and eighth rounds, and although 35-years-old, the American tried his best to keep busy, occasionally landing good rights on a sometimes hesitant Finnegan.

Chris was cut on the left eyebrow in the seventh, and nicked on the nose, and this was possibly why he did not go forward more when he was so far ahead.

A nice gesture by Finnegan as he left the ring was to wish Conteh luck, and tell him he hoped he would succeed where he (Chris) had failed.

Fine debut by amateur champion Billy Knight, East Lane, 177¾, who stopped Ralph Green, Newcastle, 178¾, in the third. Green was cut over the left eye and bled from the nose.

Apart from the injuries, Green had been outjabbed and outmaneuvered. Knight is an outstanding prospect, and this has been evident from his amateur successes. He's a "natural."

Jimmy Batten, West Ham, 152¼, outpointed Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 151, over six by 151, by 60-58.

It was noticeable that some of those who were leaving the hall during this last bout of the night stayed to watch, for Batten has a fine left jab and used it well to overcome an awkward opponent.

ALVARADO, SHIBATA, OGUMA WIN TITLE BOUTS IN TOKYO

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Shibata's showing was one of the best of his career. The kayo came at 2 min., 29 sec. of round 15, when the Japanese lashed out with wicked lefts and rights to make the newcomer quite wobbly.

Anselmo Perez, the Mexican third man, declared a stoppage. Perez scored 138-129 at the end of the 14th session. Japanese judges Ugo and Sasaki saw it 140-127 and 140-129 respectively in Shibata's favor.

The Japanese speedster opened with an attack on Bolanos. Shibata, previously a cautious hit-and-run fighter, was offensive all the way this fight. He caused a cut over the right eyebrow of Ramiro in the first canto.

In round two, Shibata scored well with sharp left shots to shake Bolanos often. A well-timed right on the button floored Bolanos with a thud. Bolanos, 24, Shibata's junior by three years, desperately came back with roundhouse blows.

Ramiro, whose physical advantage was one inch in height and 6 inches in reach, amazed the ringsiders with a quick recovery from the knockdown. But the tide was all for Shibata. He had the South American champ at bay in the 7th and 8th rounds. Bolanos tried to stop Shibata's forward mobility with jabbing. But Shibata, with bobbing and weaving, bored in gamely to cause a hot mix-up.

Bolanos showed great endurance despite his right eye being puffed. From the 12th to the 14th Shibata kept himself still speedy and scrappy.

The fine victory was the Japanese' 43rd win and 25th KO against 5 defeats and 3 draws. Bolanos who entered the ring at 128½, suffered his fourth loss against 50 wins (40 KOs) and two draws.

Lefty Shoji Oguma, 112, gained the WBC's flyweight title, when he scored a split decision over Betulio Gonzales, Venezuela, in 15 fast rounds at Nihon University Auditorium. A card drew only 6000 fans, far smaller crowd expected.

The contest was close, but Oguma's points lead was apparent because of his positive showing. Gonzales disappointed the ringsiders with the negative strategy of retreating and counterpunching. Oguma, who lost to the Venezuelan in a nontitle ten in June, put up an aggressive pace from the start. He was in command to dominate the third, fourth, sixth, eighth and ninth sessions losing none of the first ten.

Gonzales, vaunted switch-hitter, seemed to be content with showing only defensive tactics to avoid a loss of stamina. But Oguma, 23, piled up points by forcing the 24-year-old titlist against the ropes in almost every round. It was not until the 11th canto that Gonzales began to move and punch the Japanese positively.

The Venezuelan at 109½, took the 11th, 12th and 14th rounds.

Referee Ray Solis, of Mexico saw the affair 148-144 for Oguma (under the 10-point must system). Japanese judge Hiroyuki Tezaki also had it 147-143. However, Custodio Tovar, Venezuela, scored it 148-144 for Gonzales.

Gonzales made the contest lack action. He kicked a trophy cup presented by a TV sponsor and broke it. If such power was left in his body, Gonzales should have thrown more punches to win more points.

In a preliminary 10, Juanito Herrera, Colombia, utilized his lefty style effectively to decision Takenobu Shimabukuro, 110.

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DEFEAT BY DURAN TAUGHT AUSTRALIA'S THOMPSON PLENTY

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Thompson's next contest—his 14th for pay—ended tragically. He and Roko Spanja, one of the gamest and strongest junior-welters around, were battling fairly even (Thompson held an official one-point lead at the end of the 9th round) when Thompson released a right uppercut in the 10th that dropped Spanja like a log. Spanja regained his feet after the count but collapsed again, was taken to the hospital and died the following night without regaining consciousness.

Thompson was at his bedside on the afternoon of October 7, 1970— the day after the KO—and Hec left the room crying.

No blame for Spanja's death could be placed at the door—or fists—of Hector Thompson, any more than blame can be paid on referee Joe Keegan.

It wasn't Hector who killed Spanja; it wasn't Joe who let him die. It was the result of hard fights (only 13 but Roko made them battles from bell to bell) on a skull frame that wasn't strong enough to take the punishment Roko had taken.

Ron Short didn't allow Thompson to brood over Spanja. Just as they say 'tis best to drive a car as soon as you are able after an accident, so Short lined up Thompson for another fight—10 nights after the KO of Roko.

In the other corner was tough Paul Craigie. Thompson won on points.

Then Hec lost two in a row. They remained the only defeats on his record until he fought Roberto Duran.

Some say that reaction from Spanja had set in. Thompson denies this. "I wasn't good enough," he said.

Whatever the reason, Thompson was outpointed by experienced Ted Bonner and rising welterweight Ricky "Flash" Johnson who later adopted his own name, "Ray McGrady", as his nom-de-guerre.

Then it was on the winning trail again. Thompson out-gunned game Ray Cannon, pressurized smart Alan Tunney—and the Spanja accident was behind him.

Thompson changed trainer-managers, Peter Francks superseding Ron Short. Peter steered him through some solid victories until the James-Ogilvie-Layton combine took him over and to the top of the British Commonwealth and world title challenger.

On March 19, 1971—one week after outpointing Tunney—Thompson went in with Bobby Cotterill who fights like there is no to-morrow and nothing to follow the final bell—if there is one.

The Thompson-Cotterill fight was for the vacant N.S.W. State junior welterweight title, and Hec again showed that he knows how to handle the brawlers. He gave Bobby a drubbing but the fight went all the way.

Cotterill retired after the fight. He made a comeback two years later.

Then it was points victories over Johnny Phillips at Cardiff, brawling Michele Vitale in Melbourne, and popular Hilary Connolly, also in Melbourne.

If Thompson needed making at this stage, the Connolly fight made him. Hilary was one of the best lightweights in Australia, a clean boxer-fighter who must rank as one of the best sportsmen in sport. It was a hard fight but Thompson won a well-earned decision.

On July 5, 1971, Thompson gave away weight to welterweight Red Durange, and stopped Red in the last round of a ten. One week later Hector won the Australian junior-welterweight title by outpointed smart-boxing Leo Young. Then it was Vitale again for another points win.

On August 16, Thompson flattened Englishman Johnny Cheshire with a rip to the body in the seventh round after giving Cheshire a drubbing. On August 28 he defended his Australian title with a solid points win over southpaw Dave Rudken.

His next battle was a tough one. In the opposite corner was fast Filipino southpaw Jimmy Noel. Thompson won on points but there wasn't a big margin his way.

It was in October 1971, just before the Noel fight, that Hector Thompson made another switch. Brian Ogilvie and Doug James, two young bookmakers of Brisbane (capital of the State of Queensland) flew to Newcastle to see Hector. Thompson moved his wife and small family with him to Brisbane where Ogilvie and James had provided a brand new home for them. (Hec is repaying them from his fight earnings.)

The new managers, who take no percentage from Thompson's earnings, put him in the hands of Reg Layton, a boxing trainer and promoter (with partner Wally Taylor, former Australian featherweight champion) at Brisbane Festival Hall.

Thompson became a full-time fighter. He trained harder than he ever had done, but he didn't show any improvement in technique for a long time. He was in a transition stage.

On December 13, he stopped Leo Young in seven rounds, the stoppage coming as a direct result of an eye-cut.

He was awarded the "TV Fighter Of The Year 1971" trophy and cheque.

On February 8, 1972 Thompson turned up in Perth to battle rough and tough Rex Downward over ten. It was a hard fight, and Thompson received a points decision. Incensed at the verdict, Downward knocked out referee Eddie Piper—and drew a fine from the Australian Boxing Federation.

On March 10, Hector comfortably outpointed Hilary Connolly again, this time at Brisbane Festival Hall, then, on April 21, he again met Downward, at the same venue.

Some say that Hector wanted to punish Downward for flattening referee Piper in Perth. Maybe. We don't know, but he certainly gave Downward a thorough drubbing, and in the seventh round Rex signalled that he had had enough.

Downward had one more fight, which he won, then retired.

In May Thompson stopped Filipino Hernani Apatan in the 10th round. In June he outpointed Ghanaian Joe Tetteh in a close fight. Two weeks later he stopped New Zealander Ali Afakasi in the 10th round. Thompson was coming good.

At the time there existed a strange set-up in Australian boxing. Thompson was the junior-welterweight champion (still is), but Jeff White, a Queenslander, held the title on each side—the lightweight and welterweight.

A fight between White and Thompson had been mooted for a long time. Finally Reg Layton promoted it to take place at Brisbane Festival Hall on September 1, 1972.

White's manager, Barry Molloy, refused to allow White to fight Thompson under the "house" referee, Des Crabbe. He pointed to a few close decisions that had gone Thompson's way in Brisbane.

The inference that could be drawn was groundless as Crabbe is a businessman in his own right who referees for sheer pleasure. And Des is an honest man. So is Reg Layton.

Molloy insisted, and despite their meeting being for Thompson's junior-welter title, with neither of White's titles being involved, Molloy won his point when he insisted: "Ray Mitchell must be the referee."

It placed me on a spot, but I accepted. I had refereed White before (also had refereed Thompson), and as the third man in the ring on more than four thousand (4,000) occasions, I had been on the spot before!

It was a good fight, a hard fight, and at the end of the 15th round I raised Thompson's hand. Hec had won the fight 141 points to 139. There were no judges.

Molloy and White accepted the result without complaint.

Ten nights later Thompson gave his most scintillating display in outpointing Hilary Connolly for the third time. That night everything came together. Where he had shone in various moves, now he put them all together in one circle.

After outpointing Dave Rudken again, Thompson was matched with former Commonwealth lightweight champion Manny Santos over 12 rounds for the vacant Australasian lightweight title. An Australasian title must be contested between an Australian and a New Zealander. Santos, born in Tonga, is a New Zealander by adoption.

Santos was a brilliant boxer. He could be in front of any lightweight in the world for a few rounds. He was economical but dazzling. His timing in punching and evasion was split-second. But, on the wrong side of 30, he hadn't the stamina to keep out a young strong fighter for the full championship journey.

The Santos-Thompson fight took place at Brisbane Festival Hall. The referee was Terry Reilly, resident Stadiums Ltd. referee

in Melbourne. As Stadiums Ltd. was part of the promotion with Layton-Taylor, Terry got the third-man job for this bout.

It was a brilliant bout, a suspenseful one, an exciting one—not a knock-'em-dead-drag-'em-out affair, but one which mixed boxing with fighting, with the fighting being of a classy variety.

Santos got away to a good lead; Thompson finished well, but as I saw it, Santos had several points in hand at the final bell. Referee Reilly didn't see it that way. He awarded a draw, so the Australasian title remained vacant.

American Rinaldo Victoria came to Australia with Lonnis Harris for a double bill at Milton Tennis Courts, scene of a few Davis Cup Challenge Rounds. Harris was opposed to Tony Mundine, Victoria to Hector Thompson.

Both Americans were out of their depth, Harris going out of five rounds, Victoria in four.

Then it was Manny Santos again, this time on February 26, 1973, and again with the Australasian lightweight title on tap.

It was another brilliant match. Thompson boxed better this time, and he pressurised Santos, which is the only way to beat Manny. If you stand off, he'll pick you to pieces.

To make it more suited to Thompson, this contest was over 15 rounds, and that made the difference. Never far behind Santos at any stage, Thompson finished well to take a close but well-earned decision. It was one of the best fights of the year.

Exactly one month later Thompson met Joe Tetteh in a return. Tetteh had annexed the Commonwealth junior-welterweight title in New Zealand by knocking out Joey Santos (Manny's young brother). Joe was defending his title against Thompson in the bout. Terry Reilly was the referee.

It is one of my regrets that I did not see this contest. It was a good fight, by reports, and it was very close. Thompson received the decision, and this brought a blast from Tetteh's manager Bobby Neill who, it seems, always disputes a decision against one of his boxers when out of England. At least that is the impression gained from several outbursts he has made.

Neill soundly abused referee Reilly, and he wrote a protest to the British Commonwealth Boxing Championships Committee.

"Look at Thompson's face, then look at Joe's!" heatedly said Neill in the dressing room after the fight, "then tell me who won the fight!"

This statement, of course, is ridiculous in assessing a winner. Many a boxer has had closed eyes, cut eyes, bruises, yet won a fight clearly.

Whether the decision to Thompson was correct or otherwise, the result has gone into the record books, and Hector Thompson holds three titles—the Australian junior-welterweight, the Australasian lightweight and the Commonwealth junior-welterweight.

Following the KO loss to Duran, Thompson defended his Commonwealth junior welter crown against the man from whom he had won it: Joe Tetteh. This time there was no doubt of the verdict. Thompson won a clear-cut points decision over 15 rounds. The date was July 16, 1973.

On September 10 the same year Thompson's potential was realized. It wasn't the fact that he knocked out Irishman Pat McCormack in the fourth round. It was the way he did it. Hec finally had got everything together.

Then it was Jose (or Josue) Marquez on November 5. Marquez had taken Cervantes all the way in a world title tilt. He took Thompson all the way, too, but it was a rather lop-sided points win to the Australian.

On December 7, 1973, Mexican Raul Montoya opposed Thompson at Brisbane. Montoya did not represent any risk. Although he had a string of KO victories to his credit early in his career, he had lost 18 of his most recent 24 bouts, though in fairness to him, he had tangled with some good fighters—Esteban De Jesus, Alfonzo Frazier, Jimmy Heair, Ruben Navarro, Ray Lampkin, Ali Afakasi and company—and Montoya had travelled all the way with his conquerors.

He went all the way with Thompson, too, but it was easy for Hec in what he treated as a workout.

In March 1974 he halted Gerardo Ferrat in the fourth round. Ferrat did not belong in the same class.

Then came Johnny Gant, a cutie from the States. For some unexplained reason Gant was allowed to wear an exceptionally high abdominal shield that covered his lower ribs up to his diaphragm. This negated Thompson's normally good body punching. Instead of landing punches on the rib cage, Thompson was hitting the shield.

Hec wasn't good that night. In fact the points decision awarded by the referee to Thompson met with a round of hooting. Certainly it appeared—on the television screen—that Gant had won the fight, but how was the American allowed to wear that shield? Why wasn't he forced to change it for a regulation one?

On June 14 Thompson was matched with his biggest test since Duran. That was Carlos Gimenez. The plodding Thompson of the Gant bout would not have beaten Gimenez, but this was the real Hector on this June night. The fact that Gimenez had lost only two bouts in around 70, with more than 50 of his victories coming by KO, did not worry Thompson at all, though he was cautious early.

Thompson won the fight clearly, there being no doubt whatsoever about the verdict. Gimenez did not complain but asked for a return bout.

He got it on August 2—and Thompson boxed even better than he did in their first match. He ran to a good points lead, then cut loose in the ninth round. With blood coming from the visitor's mouth, referee Des Crabbe called a halt and crowned Thompson. "Gimenez was in a bad way; he could have concussion," said Crabbe.

It was a great win by Hector over a world ranking fighter.

"What about Cervantes?" I asked Reg Layton for the umpteenth time.

"He is talking in telephone numbers," replied Layton. "He also wants five fares."

"OK," I replied, "then go to Columbia after him. You went to Panama after Duran."

"We want Duran again," said Layton. "And we'll prove to you in Hector's next fight that he can fight strongly at lightweight."

Reg proved his point one month later when Thompson met Jimmy Heair at Brisbane. Each boxer scaled 135, and Thompson lost no more than two rounds easily winning on points.

With Heair highly rated, Thompson's easy win must rank him at or near the top of the world lightweight ranking list.

Hec would have at least an even-money chance against Antonio Cervantes. With only three losses in 53 contests as a pro, at 25 years of age, and having reached his peak, Hector Thompson could be Australia's next champion.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending November 15, 1974

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Muhammad Ali stopped George Foreman, 8, World Heavyweight Title.
Oscar Bonavena halted Oliver Wright, 9.
Joe Bugner kayoed Jose Luis Garcia, 2.
Jerry Houston stopped Bill Hardney, 3.
Rick Wynn halted Bob Walker, 5.
Leroy Jones stopped Chu Hernandez, 6.
Scott LaDoux stopped Ron Draper, 1.
Rochell Norris stopped John Clohessy, 5.
Billy Sharkey kayoed Larry Scott, 1.
Conrad Tooker beat Leroy Diggs, 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tom Bogs defeated John Griffin, 10.
Chris Finnegan outpointed Harold Richardson, 8.
Maxie Smith beat Raul Loyola, 10.
Robert Lloyd and Domenico Adinolfi no contest, 2.
Hildo Silva kayoed Dale Grant, 8.
Doug Demmings outpointed George Jacobs, 6.
Gary Struss kayoed Lavern Bailey, 1.
Bob Stewart kayoed Warren Herring, 4.
Ned Hallacy stopped Mike Moses, 1.
Don Wigfall halted Roland Cousins, 3.
Dana McCarthy kayoed Russ Liberty, 1.
D.C. Barker drew with Mel Rush, 5.
Carlos Tijerina kayoed Chuck Zeller, 1.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Carlos Monzon kayoed Tony Mundine, 7, retained World Middleweight Title.
Rodrigo Valdez beat Vinnie Curto, 10.
Emile Griffith decisioned Bennie Briscoe, 10.
Tony Licata outpointed Gene Wells, 10.
Vito Antuofermo kayoed Paul Osborne, 3.
Gratien Tonna halted Juan Botta, 1.
Leo Sanez stopped Jose Pagon, 2, Jose Anglada, 1.
Paul Poirier halted Walter Riley, 5.
Mario Rosa kayoed Angel Ortiz, 6.
Christy Elliott stopped John Wilkerson, 6.
John Pinney beat Tom Van Hatten, 10.
Rênato Garcia decisioned Chucho Garcia, 10.
Nelson La Salle outpointed Lee Royston, 10.
Oliver Lewis beat Larry Davis, 4.
Ali Perez stopped Greg Singleton, 4.
Ike Shipman defeated Hector Nagatey, 5.
Rocky Holliday beat Sam Zondi, 6.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Alisha Obed kayoed Robert Williams, 5.
Mike Baker kayoed Sam Zohdi, 3.
C.J. Faison beat Jimmy Savage, 6.
Tony Gardner stopped Jimmie Black, 5, Ronnie Cichon, 7.
Augie Gomez halted Pete Blanco, 5.
Jackie Smith kayoed Gene Olton, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

John Stracey defeated Tony Garcia, 8.
Fausto Rodriguez beat Harold Weston, 10.
Armando Muniz outpointed Johnny Rico, 10.
Bruno Arcari stopped Raul Venerdini, 6.
Omar Piton decisioned Arthur Kettles, 10.
Carlos Palomino halted Nelson Ruiz, 6.
Steve Tommey halted Juan Colon, 6.
Dave Huckaby stopped Jose Rivera, 5.
Danny Fryman beat Paul Osborne, 6.
Norman Farrell outpointed Billy Bell, 6.
Jeff Holmes stopped Bobby Adams, 3.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes kayoed Shinichi Kadota, 8, World Junior Welterweight Title.
Tony Petronelli beat Frank Davila, 10.
Miguel Velasquez drew with Antonio Navarro, 8.
Randy Shields beat Dave Kibby, 10.
Bobby Hughes defeated Oscar Piton, 10.
Artie Rosa beat Fernando Rivera, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ray Lampkin kayoed Nick Alfaro, 7, U.S. Lightweight Title.
Miguel Mayan beat Jimmy Heair, 10.
Hugo Barazza drew with Flipper Uehara, 10.
Javier Muniz outpointed Claude Durden, 6, stopped Renaldo Victoria, 2.
Carlos Barajas halted Vic De La Cruz, 5.
Johnny Copeland stopped Hector Pena, 3.
Aurelio Muniz kayoed Ruben Navarro, 8.
Nani Marrera beat Jose Peterson, 10.
George Anderson halted Mike Gephart, 4.
Ural Hunter defeated Jimmy Kelly, 4.
larry Bonds beat James Jackson, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Kuniaki Shibata kayoed Ramiro Bolanos, 15, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Antonio Amaya beat Jesus Alonso, 10.
Sven-Erik Paulsen defeated Giovanni Girgenti, 15, E.B.U. junior lightweight title.
Hubert Stevenson outpointed Ray Hall, 6.
Vinnie DeBorros beat Jose Ortiz, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ruben Olivares kayoed Carlos Mendoza, 6.
Royal Kobayashi halted Tatsu Harada, 4.
Abdul Bey stopped Oscar Ortiz, 3.
Richie Alvarado beat Alfredo Medrano, 10.
Tony Sanchez kayoed Ismael Gallegos, 6, lost to Art Leon, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alfonso Zamora kayoed Ad Zapanta, 1.
Frank Duarte halted Tanny Amanico, 5.
Young Casanova drew with Antonio Sanchez, 6.
Leo Lopez outpointed Orlando Holmo, 4.
Chuck Goodrum lost to Mario Rogelio, 5.
Bobby Lee Hunter kayoed Morris Butler, 3.

FLYWEIGHTS

Shoji Oguma defeated Betulio Gonzalez, 15, W.B.C. Flyweight Title.
Susumu Hanagata halted Chartchai Chionoi, 6, W.B.A: Flyweight Title.
Tony Moreno kayoed Manuel Rodriguez, 4, U.S. Flyweight Title.
Montsayam Haw-Mahachai stopped Kboonthin Ekyothin, 8.
Cesar Lee Gomez kayoed Mike Stuart, 1.

RIOTSVILLE SEES DOMINICAN RODRIGUEZ DEFEAT WESTON

By SAM TAUB

"Disgraceful" was the unanimous opinion following the rioting that broke out at the Felt Forum the night Fausto Rodriguez, from Dominican Republic, 147¾, gained a majority ten round duke over Harold Weston, New York, 149½.

Only the fact that Rodriguez got the verdict prevented a second riot and there's no telling how far the unruly fans would have gone after what they showed in their anger when Justice Ortiz, from Rio Pedras, P.R.; 140, was given the six round duke over Guelo Hernandez, 141, first Santo Domingo gladiator to show.

A turnout of 2,402 with a gate of $11,109, resulted.

Hardly had local Ruby Ortiz, 131, squared off for his six spot with Bobby 'Wildman' Alexander, Brooklyn, 130¾, than the ring was bombarded with all kinds of refuse and maddened cohorts of Hernandez, followed by chairs, and bottles. Forum security force had to yell for more reinforcements, who came down from the wrestling match in the Madison Square Garden arena, to help quell the fury of the Dominican. Two of the Daily News men were pelted, a writer and a photographer.

The Felt Forum has had them before but this became man-sized and the fights would never have been resumed but for the pleadings of public relations man John F.X. Condon, who grabbed a microphone and pleaded with the rioters to calm down. More than 20 minutes elapsed before some sort of quiet was restored but there was still tension.

There would have been further repercussions but for the climax that terminated the fearure between Rodriguez and Weston. Up to the final 30 seconds of the contest it looked like the fans from Santo Domingo would really have something to crow about. They already had jumped into the ring before the final decision was announced, lifting Rodriguez on their shoulders, when a majority duke was announced in favor of Fausto.

The climax was more than dramatic. Weston, who was making his first appearance since getting out of the Army, looked rusty for four rounds and then started a spurt that carried him through almost to the finish, when a series of punches catapulted Harold to the canvas with four seconds remaining.

Referee Jimmy Devlin started to count his man out, standing, apparently forgetting that the fight had wound up.

Our count was the first four rounds for Rodriguez and the next five for Weston, who would have also annexed the final period bur for the final explosion, that evened the count at five rounds apiece with Rodriguez getting two points for his efforts in the final stanza.

The official voting was Referee Jimmy Devlin 5-4-1 and Judge Frank DeGesu 4-4-2 with a one point margin for Rodriguez. Judge Joe Pushkal had it 6-4 for Weston. We had it 5-5 with a 2 point score in the final round for Rodriguez, making him the winner.

Oddly enough Wallace Ortiz, who refereed the Ortiz-Hernandez six spot that finally brought on a riot, voted for Hernandez and he was injured in the melee. He had it 5-1 for Hernandez while judge DeGesu had it 3-2-1 and judge Joe Pushkal 4-2 for Ortiz. The decision was off line but no reason for the fireworks that followed.

Ruby Ortiz and Bobby Alexander, for the second time, showed to renew festivities in their six spot and that went on uninterrupted with Ortiz gaining a majority duke.

The four round opener saw Julio Garcia, from Santurce, P.R., win a unanimous duke over Richie Lugo, New York, both lads weighing in at 144.

▲Omar Piton, from Mendoza, Argentina, 146, waged a slam-bang give-and-take ten spot in the Felt Forum against seasoned Art Kettles, from Asbury Park, N.J., 146, before a turnout of 1,322 customers who paid $7,578.77. This was a scrap in which blows were exchanged freely from the start and albeit Kettles lost on a unanimous win, he managed to get in a few good licks himself. However, it was Piton who had the combinations, the southpaw even gambling ner the finish and several times he did get clipped by Kettles but good. The unanimous verdict was merited, referee Harold Valan scoring it 6-4, Judge Harold Lederman 6-3-1 nand Leo Dazzo 9-0-1. The Ring score card was 7-1-2 for Piton.

Piton's brother Oscar, who scrambled against Bobby Hughes, of New York, in the first of the two tens, didn't fare so well. For five rounds Oscar didn't do much and although he dropped his man with a left hook for an eight-count in the sixth round, the unanimous win for Hughes was merited. In this one, referee Joe Santarpia had it 7-2-1, as did judge Leo Dazzo, while the other judge, Harold Lederman, registered 7-3. It was a good decision.

Two fours preceded the double windup. Bob Stewart, from Albany, N.Y., 168, registered a 2;43 fourth-round kayo, when the referee intervened, the winner having his opponent down twice in cantos two and four. The other setto saw Leo Lopez, Dominican Republic, 124, decision Orlando Holmo, from Brooklyn, 119 pounds.

WORLD RATINGS

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Griffith; 5, Tony Mundine; 6, Bennie Briscoe; 7, Kevin Finnegan; 8, George Cooper; 9, Vito Antuofermo; 10, Willie Monroe.

The welter ratings show that Britain's John Stracey has moved into No. 4 and Rocky Mattioli, Australia, into No. 5.

In the lightweight division, Ken Buchanan has suffered a comedown. He has been replaced as No. 2 by Angel Mayoral, behind Ray Lampkin.

In the flyweight section we find that there has been quite an upheaval. Former champion Chionoi has been dropped because he no longer can make the weight, 112 pounds.

The No. 1 contender is Miguel Canto, of Mexico, who has ousted Betulio Gonzalez. The No. 2 man is Mexico's Vicente Pool.

The junior lightweights welcome Sven-Erik Paulsen, Norway, in the No. 2 spot behind Kuniaki Shibata.

The entire rating set-up indicates that there is a lot of action in the fistic situation. What is needed badly is more significant major class action in the United States.

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

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within himself. There were times, especially at Cicero, when one would think it was full of tension. But Floyd and Cus were, on the whole, serious minded. We'd have a few minor incidents during the workouts. You had to be careful what was said. The experience was enlightening. Floyd's trio of skirmishes with Ingemar Johansson were something to remember. What happened in the two fights with the late Sonny Liston came as complete shockers. The youngest man ever to win the heavyweight crown and the first heavyweight champion to regain it, is now in the broadcasting business, working with our good friend, Don Dunphy.

Broadcasting was a natural for me. I loved it. We never worried about the action. The harder the men fought the better it was. We remember the first round of a scrap between Jackie 'Kid' Berg and Bruce Flowers in the 8th Avenue Garden, when they kept tossing punches every second of the way, with no breaks by the referee. There was no holding.

The easiest fights we ever had were the Joe Louis ones. He was a great competition, to put it mildly. We handled every one of his fights of the month which Mike Jacobs promoted except the Conn-fight. Incidentally, we also were at the mike with Bill Stern at the two 20 round bouts the "Brown Bomber" had in Detroit, the 13-round affair with the late Abe Simon in the Olympia and the 11-round kayo of Bob Pastor in Navin Field.

No longer are there the capers we used to have in training camps, hanky-pankies which were enjoyed by all. We remember the snipe hunt at Jack Delaney's home in Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire. One of the light heavyweight champ's brother-in-laws and yours truly were the victims. I carried the lantern and he had the bag and shovel and we're out in the cold while the perpetrators scooted back inside the house. Pete Reilly, manager of Delaney, was noted for his tricks. A favorite was a box of cigars which would explode when lighted.

Mike Jacobs used to toss parties at his New Jersey spot and invite all the scribes. A hunting trip, as previously mentioned, by Tex Rickard turned out to be a train ride to St. Louis, where Tunney was signed for his return engagement with Dempsey at Soldier Field, Chicago. All these things are gone from the present setup. The scribes and later the broadcasters had plenty of fun. Like the change in the sport of boxing itself, it's different now.

I am proud of the way things turned out. for me. My late father, Benjamin, was my greatest inspiration. My bosses Bill Lewis and Bat Masterson were as a second and third father to me. We all have our idols and one of mine has always been the late founder and publisher of The Ring, Nat Fleischer. In my opinion, no one did more, single-handedly, for the Marquis of Queensberry game, than Uncle Nat, as he was affectionately known not only in America but throughout the world.

Strange things happen in the life of a sportswriter. Some come dangerously close to border on tragedy. We remember in 1927, when the scribes arrived in Chicago to cover the second Tunney-Dempsey scrap in Soldier Field. We were in the Loop section after midnight. Suddenly we were stopped by the police who had Eddie Neil, writing for the Associated Press, and the others lined up against a wall, hands up and were searched. After a heap of sweating the minions of the law were convinced we were not lawbreakers, who ran rampant in the Windy City at that time, and we were glad to get back to our hotels. There were apologies when it was over but the after-effects stayed with the gang for many days.

When the new Madison Square Garden on 8th Avenue was completed, pranks were abundant. Jess McMahon was the new matchmaker, having been appointed by Tex Rickard. Someone came up with a gadget of wiring the door to McMahon's quarters, as well as some of the chairs. In came one day Black Bill, the fine featherweight from Cuba. He was to be a real victim. Bill asked for McMahon's office and was told where to go. Suddenly he grabbed the door knob and lo and behold, got the electric reaction. None of us will forget the way he scooted out of the Garden and ran into the gutter on 49th St. yelling "electric chair." They finally persuaded him it was all a joke.

Many of our newspaper men were acquainted with most of the detectives around in our days. The late Johnny Broderick was our idol. He was a fearless one. Broderick, together with Wilbur Wood, then with the Evening Sun, and yours truly, with The Morning Telegraph, and one outsider, were coming back from the Bronx after attending Leo P. Flynn's funeral, he being a well known manager who probably handled a bigger string of fighters than any one else.

Coming down Seventh Avenue, nearing 116th St., we suddenly saw four people running and all shouting "Stop, thief". One of the men was the culprit. Broderick immediately jumped out of the driver's seat and told his friend to take over. Johnny had his revolver out. The gang we were chasing, turned up 117th St. The real man being sought ran into an apartment house. Broderick smashed in the front door and yelled for him to stop. He threatened to kill the officer whereupon Johnny unloaded and the thief fell down the flight of stairs after being struck a number of times. We all had to go to police headquarters and sign affidavits so Broderick wouldn't be in trouble. The suspect was found to have a long record and we never knew what did happen to him. It was night time before Wood and I got back to our respective newspapers.

A great night for boxing and broadcasting was the Carnival of Champions staged by Mike Jacobs in the Polo Grounds on Sept. 22, 1937. Four world title matches, and a four-round appetizer. Four different radio announcers were used. Fred Apostoli won the middleweight crown from Marcel Thil on a T.K.O. with Sid Mercer handling the mike. Barney Ross retained his welterweight crown against Ceferino Garcia with Tom Manning giving the blow-by-blow. Lou Ambers successfully repelled Pedro Montanez in a lightweight championship skirmish, Clem McCarthy doing the spiel. Yours truly got the final assignment, a bantam title go in which Harry Jeffra lifted Sixto Escobar's diadem. My fight got underway at 11:30 and wound up well after midnight.

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FOSTER RATED BY MANY AS BEST 175-Lb. KING OF ALL

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circles. But never a light heavy champion who did not envy the reigning heavyweight titleholder and who did not make motions in that direction.

Currently, there is a big rally in the light heavyweight ranks, especially in the Argentine.

That nation boasts light heavies such as Victor Galindez, Jorge Ahumada, Avenamar Peralta, and the up and coming Raul Loyola.

The German Karl Klein and Danish Tom Bogs along with Len Hutchins and Alvaro Lopez also figure.

Foster's efforts to win heavyweight laurels were frustrated by Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Ernie Terrell, Doug Jone and Zora Folley. Bob's heavyweight championship ambitions were knocked out of him by Frazier and Ali.

Foster won the light heavy championship from Dick Tiger in four rounds in New York on May 24, 1968.

For some years Foster had a difficult time making the light heavy title pay off. The 175-pounders were obscured by the heavies. In New York, Bob was not held in high esteem as a drawing card. But the light heavies picked up and he began to collect.

Foster was not a very active fighter. Starting in March, 1961, and finishing in 1974, Foster had a total of only 58 fights. He scored 42 knockouts, landed nine victories by decision and had just one draw. That stalemate came in his last fight with Argentinian Jorge Ahumada.

Bob Foster was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 27, 1942. He moved to Washington, D.C. at an early age and became known as a Capital fighter.

As he climbed up the ladder a lot of managerial trouble impeded his progress. But eventually he landed with the well-known Lou Viscusi, who is based in Tampa, Fla.

That draw with Ahumada was the determining factor in Foster's decision to retire. He looked very bad that night in Albuquerque and thousands of television viewers saw his acute dilemma as he was beaten by the Argentinian.

However, the official decision was a draw—a big courtesy to the champion.

Another factor in Foster's retirement was the chance to get the nomination for sheriff in Albuquerque, a call which could be regarded as tantamount to election.

If Foster stays retired there will be widespread regret that boxing has lost so eminent and skilled a champion.

If Foster recants on retirement and enters the arena again, his fresh start will be watched with great interest and general hope that it does not prove to be an error in judgment.

The World Boxing Council now regards Britain's John Conteh, who recently beat Ahumada, as the world champion light heavy.

The World Boxing Association will probably order a title eliminator between Galindez and Conteh.

In any event, the light heavyweight pot is boiling, with contention in the class at a new peak.

MONZON STOPS MUNDINE

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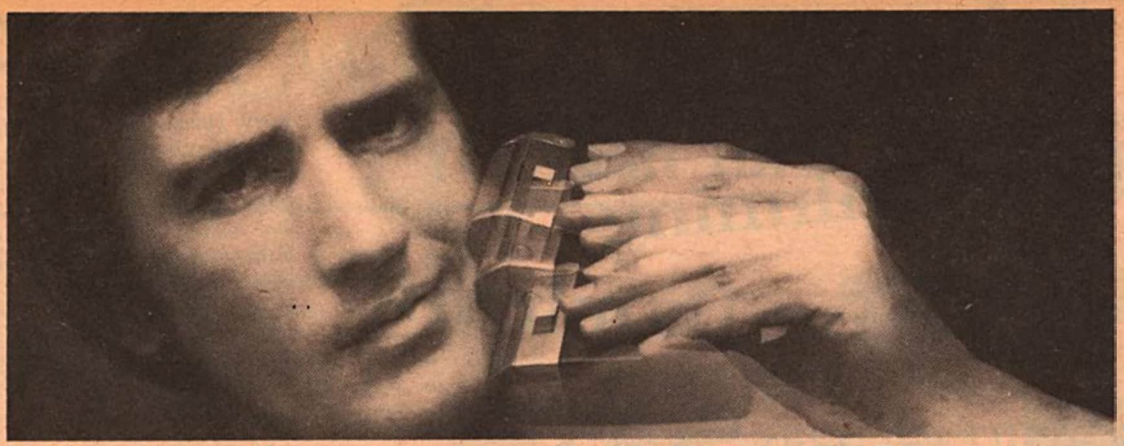
waiting for the big show. However, making the fight was not enough.

There were no knockdowns leading up to the quietus.

Mundine made the weight without trouble but Monzon had to discard his beaded necklace to hit the beam at 160.

Mundine had the champion against the ropes a couple of times but Carlos was not bothered. In short, Mundine was not in the same class as Monzon. The question now is, who is?



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TONY LICATA WANTS TITLE SO HE CAN GO FISHING

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house for the wife and maybe a new Grand Prix. I also want to become champion of the world so I can learn how to fish. Now, I don't have my mind on anything but boxing, but after I get the title, I want to take out some time and go fishing. I've never really been fishing before.

"Maybe I could catch some fish for my pop. He's got a restaurant — Phil's Ringside Restaurant on 22nd Street in Tampa."

Licata has avenged all three of his draws — to Luis Vinales, Alvin Phillips and Dennis Riggs. Two of Tony's most impressive wins came this year. On a snowy February night in Boston, Licata decisioned Emile Griffith to win the U.S. middleweight title. Another big win came in April when he stopped Cuby "Top Cat" Jackson in the seventh at Houston's Music Theater.

Licata fights about once a month, but says reading boxing magazines and newspapers from around the country "help me see what's going on."

When in training for a fight, Licata gets up at 5 in the morning, runs two miles, rests in his hotel room, works out at 1 p.m. for over an hour, then goes back to his hotel room to rest and wait for Viscusi, whom he calls "Mr. Lou," to take him to a local cafeteria to eat vegetables.

But Tony isn't a vegetarian. "I like to eat steaks, eat 'em all the time," says Licata. "That's one thing about fighting, you eat good."

FOLEY HANDS OSOWEIKI DRUBBING AT WATERBURY

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass., — New England fans had slim pickings recently, with Waterbury fans being treated to two shows and New Bedford one. A fourth card, scheduled for Brockton had to be cancelled when Dennis Riggs, Jacksonville middleweight, failed to show for his tiff with Marvin Hagler.

With the George Foreman-Muhammed Ali closed circuit televised bout from Zaire, a number of sites had live shows as accompaniment.

▲Waterbury Armory — Macka Foley, 185, Portland, handed Greg Osoweiki, 195, Waterbury, a ten round shellacking that sent the local boy into retirement. Foley made himself a moving target, stopping in his tracks often enough to belabor Osoweiki. The latter was bleeding from the nose and an eye cut. He was unable to get off more than one punch at a time. He had to receipt for fast combinations.

Steve Toomey, 142, Waterbury, kept his record intact without a loss by icing Lee Green, 140, Somers, in the third round of a six semi-final. Danny Fryman, 138, Lowell, easily disposed of Ricky Craney, 138, Portland, in two heats.

Bobby Walker, 182, Somers, took a four round decision over Lenny Kabongo, 178, Zaire, Africa, in a good fight. Leroy Diggs, 212, Swedesboro, N.J., reportedly making his pro debut was impressive in kayoing Joe Maye, 197, Hartford.

Jesse Bender, 154, Somers, knocked out Cove Green, 153, Bridgeport, in the second.

▲Waterbury Armory — Co-promoters Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton and matchmaker Vito Tallarita, put on a new talent show. In the scheduled six round main event, Steve Toomey, 142, Waterbury, came back from the brink of defeat to stop Juan Colon, 144, Lowell, in the final session. The local boy found the defenseless Colon an easy target with his counters. Colon was on the floor twice in the second round and Toomey in the fourth.

Dave Huckaby, 145, Somers, resumed his boxing career and remained unbeaten when his opponent, Jose Pagan Rivera, 145, Lowell, was unable to answer the bell for the sixth and final round because of a hand injury. Lowell stablemates, Danny Fryman, 142, and Paul Osborne, 147, put on a six round sparring session with Fryman getting the nod and a bit more effort.

Dana McCarthy, 168, Bristol, dropped Russ Fernandez, 170, New Britain, for the full count in the first round of a four spot.

Ewell Hunter, 132, Waterbury came off the floor in the first round to win a close decision over Jimmy Kelly, 133, Somers. It was the pro debut of both.

Vinnie DeBarros, 130, Waterbury, made his pro debut a winning one and looked good in taking a four round decision in a hard fight. He defeated Jose Ortiz, 131, Lowell.

▲New Bedford Armory — Local Jerry Huston, 217, scored a third round TKO over late substitute, Wild Bill Hardney, 201, Baltimore, who filled in for Mike Boswell, who failed to show. Hardney kept the action and scoring close for one round but was out of shape and soon tired.

In the third round, Jerry had Wild Bill on the ropes where he dropped him. Hardney rose in time but his eyes were still glassy and the referee wisely called a halt.

Paul Poirier, 160, New Bedford, was well ahead on points when Walter Riley, 152, New York, fell out of the ring. He came up with a swollen rib area and was ruled unfit to continue.

Ricky Wynn, 215, Norton, and Bobby Walker, 188, Somers, were even on two scorecards after four rounds, and Wynn pulled out a win by stopping Walker in the fifth. It was the best fight of the night.

Jackie Smith, 157, Brockton, easily halted Gene Orten, 154, Springfield, in the second round. Dornell Wigfall, 166, Brockton, packed too much punching power for Roland Cousins, 170, New York, in the third round of their sixer.

▲Eddie Urbec, of Worcester, is welcomed back to the Massachusetts Boxing Commission where he had served so long. He replaced Tom McNeeley, who resigned . . . . Homer Foglio, Stamford, reports that a new club will be formed to run boxing shows in his hometown and he will be the matchmaker. . . . John Dennis, Attleboro heavyweight, reportedly broke his hand in a recent bout in Scranton.

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OLD BROADWAY

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scraps with Max Schmeling, also passed away. Hamas, who was managed by Charley Harvey, was 67. Graduating in 1929, handsome Steve, who was a five letter man, won fame in football, baseball, track, lacrosse and boxing. Steve was a major in the Air Force during World War II and spent many years working with the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles before he retired early this year. Hamas was an outstanding member of the fistic fraternity.

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Marvin Goldberg, who started out in boxing as one of the first managers of the Argentinian, Oscar Bonavena, has become quite a radio sports announcer. Marvin, an optometrist, has a radio show called "Sports Before My Eyes," heard every Saturday over WHBI FM, from 1 to 1:30 A.M. A new feature called "Sportstalgia" has been added to the new renewal contract in which the knowledgeable Goldberg recreates past fights like Joe Louis' kayo of Billy Conn and Floyd Patterson's knockout over Ingemar Johansson.

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'Twas a nice birthday bash tossed by Jimmy O'Connor, of the Boxing Manager's Guild, at a local restaurant, celebrating the 92nd birthday of veteran newsman Ned Brown. Jimmy is quite a host.

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Many were saddened by the news of the passing of Joe Kanes, famous New Jersey featherweight, who was prominent in the days of Joe Shugrue and Frankie Burns. Kane, in his seventies, from Jersey City, not only was a standout performer but also was a referee, judge and coach. Joe was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame in 1972. He was an officer of Veteran Boxers' Association #21, Paul Berlenbach's ring in Brooklyn.

Just to keep the record straight, two more veterans who passed away were Willie Mack, past president of Ring #14, Jersey City, and Tommy Tibbs, former dynamic lightweight champion of New England, credited with whipping three world champions, Willie Pep, Lauro Salas and Harold Gomes. Tibbs was small in size but a holy terror in action.

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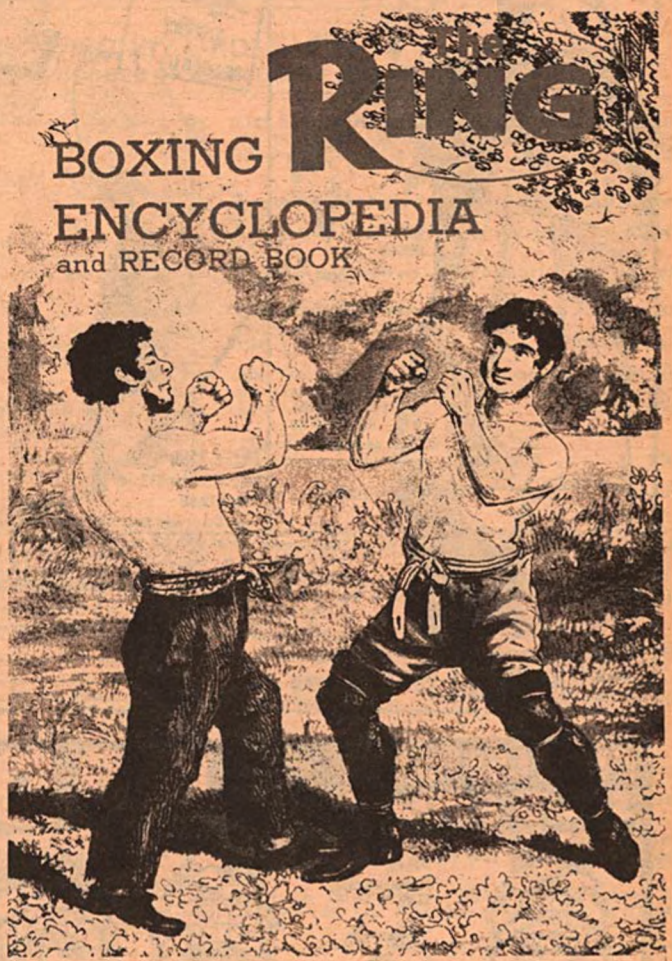

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SHIEBLEHOOD, AKRON'S NEW FIND, HAS OHIO EXCITED

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Akron, Ohio — Despite the Friday night high school football games and a terrific rain storm, 1096 fans — showed up at the Akron Armory to see Promoter Bob Boones first show of the fall season. Mike Shieblehood, a rugged young light heavyweight from near by Brimfield, Ohio, has captured the fancy of Northern Ohio fans and is rapidly becoming the new boxing idol of this area. Mike is a former Akron Golden Glove Champion and U.S. Marine Corps Title Holder.

He made his second professional start a successful one by trouncing the experienced Girard, Ohio battler, John Girowski, in the feature bout. Mike took command frmom the opening bell and was in charge all the way. He scored heavily with a stiff left jab and a powerful right cross. The decision was unanimous. The referee called it 60-54 — the judges had it 60-54 and 60-55.

The aggressive young puncher promises to bring pro boxing back in a big way in Norther Ohio.

Ronnie Pettigrew, 142, Cleveland, won a six round split decision from Sonny Oliver 145, Akron, in an evenly fought contest.

Otto Palfy 129, Akron, won on a t.k.o. at 2.02 of round four from John Loudenback, 127, Huntington, W. Va.. This was a slugging match all the way with Palfy packing the heavier bombs. John was down twice in the first, once in the second, twice in the third and three times in the fourth but in between knock downs, he staggered Palfy time after time. The fans loved this donny-brook between two willing young sluggers.

Tommy Fix was scheduled to box John Alexander in another six rounder. The Shelby, Ohio battler had a serious illness occur in his family when his young daughter was taken to a hospital and he was unable to appear. The promoter was unable to obtain an opponent for Alexander.

The amateur card produced some exciting action. Mike Dokes 175, National A.A.U. Champion won from Joe Walker 167, Columbus, by split decision in three rounds.

Bop-Daddy Virden 235, popular Akron amateur heavyweight won an unanimous decision from Jack Reinhart 200, Brimfield.

Smoking Joe Walker 85, — Ohio State Fair 85 pound Champion t.k.o.ed Ralph McKenzie 89, Columbus, in the third round.

Mike Houpe 138, Akron won from Wayne Campbell 137, Columbus.

Red Jones, 112 112, lost to Dwight Huges III, Columbus.

Tom McGrady 110, Akron won from Tom Galloway 109, Columbus. These were three rounders.

SAENZ STOPS ANGLADA IN EIGHT AT BALTIMORE

By BUDDY EY

Baltimore, Md. — Leo Kid Saenz, 157, Baltimore based, knocked out Jose TNT Anglada, 159½, N.Y.C., in 2:50 of the 1st round of a scheduled 8 rounder at Steelworker's Hall. Anglada started fast and exploded several left hooks off Saenz's chin. But the Indian firebrand responded by dropping Jose with a powerful right to the head.

Anglada regained his feet but Leo connected with a left uppercut to end the brief but exciting contest. Saenz is now 18-0 with 12 K.O.'s. Anglada has slipped to 12-11-2.

In the 1st round of a scheduled sixer Rocky Halliday, 163½, Wilkes Barre, suffered a gash on his forehead, inflicted by the head of Sam Zhodi, 156½, Atlantic City. To the delight of the crowd, Rocky fought on and earned the nod after a good old fashioned Pier Six brawl.

Hubert Stevenson, 129½, Winston Salem, finished strong to bang out a 6 round decision over Ray Hall, 133½, Wilkes Barre.

Norman Farrell, 146, Philadelphia, carried too many guns for Billy Bell, 142, Washington, and deserved the 6 round decision.

Jeff Holmes, 147½, Jersey City, had trouble with clever Bobby Adams, 149, Philadelphia, for nearly 3 rounds, but he found the range and scored a T.K.O. after 2 knockdowns.

Oliver Lewis, 162¼, Baltimore, and Bobby Golson, 159½, Wilmington, entered the ring to open the show. Golson suddenly complained to the referee that he didn't "feel well" and hurried off into the night. He hasn't been seen since.

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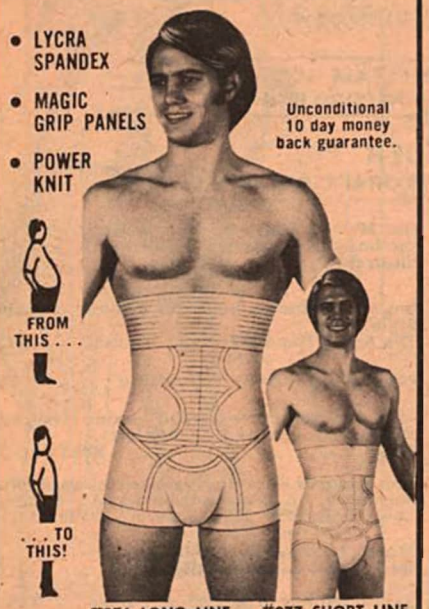

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TEXAS BOXING MOVING TOWARD MORE ACTION

By HARLAN HAAS

Houston — It's getting close to that time of year when things begin to slow down boxing wise here in Texas, particularly in Houston, where Pete Ashlock Promotions (he took over the reins of Texas Boxing Enterprises after Mrs. Earl Gilliam retired) holds forth.

This is the time of year — that isn't exactly "boxing season" and we found out the hard way a number of years ago. Back during the days when Joe Brown was world — lightweight champion. Joe had drawn gates of close to $70,000 while successfully defending his lightweight title against Ralph Dupas, Kenny Lane and Johnny Busso.

It was expected he'd do likewise when he placed his title on the line against England's Dave Charnley in an International extravaganza in the Houston Coliseum — but fate wasn't that kind and the final count was less than $35,000.

Johnny Boudreaux decisioned old trialhorse Scrapiron Johnson at the Houston Coliseum before a sparse gathering, and the next month was given up to the George Foreman — Muhammad Ali closed circuit showing held in the Astrodome where five screens were made available.

Ashlock's most successful show was the card that saw Mike Quarry outpoint Karl Zurheide in 10-rounds. The magic name "Quarry" seemed to excite the local fistic followers. Of course, Zurheide had started out in Houston and owned a following of his own (stablemates and all tickets buyers Tod Herring, Mark Tessman, Mike Lanum, Johnny O'Brien and others turned out). We might add that Johnny (The Mad) Baldwin appeared on that card and without a doubt he is Houston's most outstanding fighter and unbeaten in 28 pro starts. Baldwin remains one of boxing's most feared fighters.

It proves one thing — Houston has been spoiled by "name" fighters, and Ashlock hasn't been blessed with what you might call "main event" fighters. The kids, well, they are still kids here in Houston. They are prospects but as yet have not caught on.

Maurice "Termite" Watkins is a talented 18-year old lightweight and Johnny Boudreaux is a rather light hitting heavyweight but a dandy boxer with but 11 pro starts. These two are the most advanced. That's the way it stands.

The writer as a PR man since Texas Boxing Enterprises began operating some 20 years ago saw some great fights involving Paul Jorgensen with such big names as Henry "Pappy" Gault, Harold Dade, Lauro Salas, Bobby Bell, Teddy "Red Top" Davis, Lulu Perez, Carmelo Costa, Joey Lopes, Battling Torres; we saw Roy Harris against such topnotchers as Willi Besmanoff, Bob Baker, Charley Powell, Willie Pastrano, Charley Norkus, Bob Clerousx, and Sonny Liston; we saw Cleve Williams against Sonny Liston, Eddie Machen, Alex Miteff, John Holman, Curley Lee, George Chuvalo, Ernie Terrell, Muhammad Ali, Mac Foster, to name only a few; we saw Tod Herring against Tony Alongi, Harold Carter, Alonzo Johnson, Zora Folley, Elmer Rush; we saw Manny Gonzalez against Emile Griffith, Gaspar Ortega, Rip Randall, Charlie Shipes; we saw Rip Randall against Guy Sumlin, Isaac Logart, Kenny Lane, Virgil Akins; we saw Mark Tessman and Dave Zyglewicz in some outstanding fights.

It takes time. Termite Watkins and Johnny Boudreaux are coming along nicely. The pace will be stepped up in 1975 and perhaps one of these days they will face the "name" people. It isn't an easy road ahead and a big puncher is needed by Pete Ashlock Promotions in Houston.

Perhaps fast rising young heavyweight Jodie Ballard a 6 foot, 200 pounder can supply the needs. He's a good banger and is getting experience. As we write this, Jodie has nine straight wins and has fought in Houston, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Tucson, Las Vegas, and Mobile. Watch this young fellow.

Johnnie Baldwin, of course, is a bomber but the local law enforcement officer is fighting sparingly. He's willing, but for some reason or another ring action doesn't come his way.

One of the best action fighters around Houston is Jerry Kornele "The Fighting Leprechaun" who excites the fans with his all out style. This pugnacious 126-pounder is trained by Kenny Weldon the former Texas featherweight champion who is semi-retired because of bone chips in his left elbow. Chris Baxter an aggressive 18-year old middleweight is coming along nicely and owns a 4-0 record.

Melvin Dennis, a former National Golden Glove welterweight champion, has wins in New Orleans over Tom Von Hatten, Lamont Lovelady, Denny Moyer, a kayo over Eddie Davis in Mobile, and a win in Houston over Roy Barrientes. He is a proven fighter who is quite successful in out of town rings.

Melvin Mott, acknowledged by smart boxing men as one of the most clever boxers in the game today, finds it difficult to get action. He easily outboxed veteran Alfonso (Coneja) Aguirre in his last start. Mott is now a 175 pounder who began his pro career as a welterweight and he has taken on the likes of Roger Watkins, Mel Ferguson, Jorge Rosales, Manny Gonzalez, Santiago (Candy) Rosa, Manuel Avitia, Tony Durelle and many others.

James (Bubba) Busceme is selling out every time he fights at the Red Carpet Inn in Beaumont, and veteran fight man Perry Payne who is promoting down that way has a real winner in the four time National Golden Glove champion. The 135-pound Busceme is a smart boxer with excellent firepower.

SONGBIRD SILENCED BY BAKER IN ONE ROUND

By EDWARD SCULLEN

Alexandria, Va. — The Alexandria Roller Rink was the scene of promoter Paul Tibb's second professional boxing venture since his inaugural effort in late August.

In the headline, young Mike Baker, Hillcrest, Heights, Md., 156, made quick work of Songbird Williams, Memphis, Tenn., 150, knocking the Tennesean down once in the first minute with a savage attack before a second knockdown at 2:42 caused referee Joe Bunsa to signal an end. One heat and out.

Songbird protested the call vehemently afterwards, but in a post-fight interview the well travelled Williams appeared disoriented and might have been seriously hurt if allowed to continue.

In the first pro contest Smokey Joe Middleton, Washington, D.C., 176 easily knocked out Clarence Ford, Winston, Salem, N.C., 170 at 44 seconds of the first. Ford offered no serious opposition and folded with the first serious punch, and overhand right.

Blue Walker, Washington, D.C., 140, and Freddy Webster, Winston Salem, N.C., 145, put on a lively bout for three rounds until Freddy decided he had enough while sitting on his stool. Walker was declared a T.K.O. winner at the end of three rounds.

In the semi finals, Leon Holmes, New York, N.Y., 148, managed to survive the wild rushes of amateurish Leon Benjamin, Winston Salem, N.C., 150 before knocking out the youngster at 2:11 of the first.

In the three amateur bouts saw Jim Jones, Hillcrest Heights, Md., 7, defeated by Percy Harris, Washington, D.C., 70, in three rounds; Dale Staley, Hillcrest Heights, Md., 130, decisioned Kevin Buckner, Washington, D.C., 134, in three; and in the last amateur contest, Fred Tuttle B, Bowie, Md., 145, won over Henry Rogers, Washington, D.C., 147, when Rogers was unable to come out for the third round.

TRINIDAD SEES GUZMAN AND BAPTISTE FIGHT EVEN

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Port of Spain, Trinidad — Fermin Guzman, 151½, of Santo Domingo decked Urban Baptiste, 145½, welter champion of Trinidad and Tobago, in the second round for the count of 8 with a left right combination to the head. Again in the third round the second knock down was scored, this time for the count of five.

It took the best of courage and determination by Baptiste to have the contest take a turn in his favor from round five, but Fermin Guzman kept the pressure on, and the fight ended with the score as follows. Judge Vernon Romney, 46-43 for Guzman; judge Frank Hastic 48-45 for Baptiste; referee George Cumberbatch saw it 44-44; having the fight a draw.

SEMIFINAL (8) rounds: Willie Williams, 122, won a unanimous decision over Alex Hall, 124.

SIX ROUNDERS: Dave Phillip, 156, won from Al Frank, 157. Frank disqualified for punching Phillip while he was down in round two.

Michael Drayton, 130½, won by K.O. from Fitzherbert Dask, 133, in the third round.

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18-YEAR-OLD RAY LEONARD ● NAMED ALL-AMERICA AMATEUR ●

By BILL CUMMINGS, JR.

Columbus, Ohio — Twenty two amateur boxers from throughout the United States were named to the United States Amateur Boxers and Coaches Association Third Annual All-American Boxing Team. Ray Leonard, 139, 18-year-old welterweight sensation from Palmer Park, Maryland, was the top vote getter. Leonard won both the 1974 National Golden Gloves, National AAU Championships. He was also a member of the U.S. team which toured Russia in May.

The stiff punching Leonard was tapped to receive the Coaches Association Boxer of the Year Award.

Heavyweights James Chapman, Atlanta, Ga., 1974 National Golden Gloves Champion, Marvin Stinson, Philadelphia; light heavyweights, Leon Spinks, St. Louis; Mike Dokes, Akron, O; Middleweights, Irvin Hines, Winston Salem, N.C., Charles Bryant, U.S. Army; Light Middleweights, Jerome Bennett, Tacoma, Washington, Larry Smith, San Francisco, Calif.; Welterweights, Calvin Jackson, Evergreen, Ala., Alfred Fletcher, Bronx, N.Y.; Lightwelterweights, Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md., Terrance Silver, Louisville, Ky.; Lightweights, James Kenty, Columbus, O., Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, O.; Featherweights, Mike Hess, Eugene, Oregon, Howard Davis, N.Y., N.Y.; Bantamweights, Miguel Ayala, San Antonio, Texas, Don Hermasillo Denver, Colorado; Flyweights, Gregory Richardson, Youngstown, O., Derrick Holmes, Palmer Park, Maryland; Light Flyweights, Claudell Atkins, St. Louis, MJulio Rodriquez, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Percy Richardson, Trenton, New Jersey was named Boxing Coach of the Year. Richardson has served as coach of the Trenton PALPAL team for over 25 years and has developed a number of national champions. Two of Richardson's boxers won 1974 national championships.

Here are the All-American Selections: Heavyweight Marvin Stinson, Philadelphia, James Chapman, Atlanta, Georgia. Light heavyweights, 178 lbs. Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Missouri, Michael Dokes, Akron, Ohio. Middleweight, 165 lbs. Irvin Hines, Winston-Salem, N.C., Charles Bryant, U.S. Army. Light middleweight, 156 lbs. Jerome Bennett, Tacoma, Washington, Larry Smith, San Francisco, Calif. Welterweight, 147 lbs. Clinton Jackson, Evergreen, Alabama, Alfred Fletcher, Bronx, New York. Light welterweight, 139 lbs. Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Maryland, Terrance Silver, Louisville, Kentucky. Lightweight, 132 lbs. James Kenty, Columbus Ohio; Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio. Featherweight, 125 lbs. Mike Hess, Eugene, Oregon, Howard Davis, New York, New York. Bantamweight, 119 lbs. Miguel Ayala, San Antonio, Texas, Dan Hermasillo, Denver, Colorado. Flyweight, 112 lbs. Gregory Richardson, Youngstown, Ohio, Derrick Holmes, Palmer Park, Md. Light flyweight, 106 lbs. Claudell Atkins, At.St. Louis, Missouri, Julio Rodriquez, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Percy Richardson, Trenton, New Jersey—Coach of the Year.

DENVER'S LEROY JONES LEADS ● TEAM OF TAHOE WINS ●

By MIKE HAYES

LAKE Tahoe, Nev. — Four Denvers boxers, headed by undefeated heavyweight Leroy Jones, came away with convincing victories here.

Jones ran his unbeaten skein to 10 straight and picked up his seventh knockout with a sixth-round KO over Chu Hernandez of El Paso, Texas.

The bout was halted when Jones had Hernandez hanging onto the ropes. There were no knockdowns, but Hernandez was suffering from a cut over his left eye.

The 6-foot-5, 240-pound Jones dominated the bout from start to finish.

He was scheduled to fight Larry "Irish Pat" Duncan in a 12-round fight for the Nevada heavyweight championship, but Duncan backed out late Wednesday night claiming he had the flu.

Welterweight Larry Bonds, the former two-time National Golden Gloves champ, upped his record to 8-1 with a unanimous six-round decision over James Jackson of Los Angeles. Bonds floored his opponent six times during the one-sided contest.

Middleweight Ike Shipman is now 3-0 after a unanimous five-round decision win over Hector Nagatey of Sacramento, California. Shipman, who weighed 157 pounds, decked Nagatey once in the second round.

Bantamweight Bobby Lee Hunter, the former two-time National AAU titlist, hiked his unbeaten record to two straight with a savage third-round KO over Morris Butler of Los Angeles. Hunter decked his man twice in the second round with the second knockdown the clincher. Butler was counted out.

A fifth Denver boxer didn't fare so well in action Wednesday night in Las Vegas. Light heavyweight D.C. Barker, surrendering 14 pounds to Melvin Rush of Los Angeles, fought a five-round draw. Barker weighed 176 to Rush's 190 pounds. Barker is now 3-1-1.

Coach for the five Denverites is Bobby Lewis, the 1972 United States Olympic boxing coach.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

CUT-MAN'S "CURE" BLINDS DANNY LOPEZ TO DEFEAT

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — One of the most exciting fights ever held at the historic Olympic Auditorium had one of the most bizarre endings of all time.

Danny (Little Red) Lopez, campaigning for another crack at the featherweight title, ended up a loser to shortender Shig Fukuyama when the bell sounded for the ninth round.

Lopez, slightly ahead on points at the end of eight frames, couldn't resume action when medication and sweat got into his right eye.

During the one minute rest period, Manager Howie Steindler, working feverishly on the wound over Danny's right eye, accidently got medication into the eye and when the bell rang, the Ute Indian couldn't see.

Referee Larry Rosadilla had no choice but to give the verdict to Fukuyama on a ninth round technical knockout.

The Japanese at 126, was also cut over the right eye.

Both cuts occurred in the eighth round and were serious enough to bring a visit from ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz.

Up to the strange finish, it was a bitter battle with both hurt on several occasions. Shig's best round was the eighth when he stunned Lopez, but the latter finished strong.

The officials scored it as follows: Rozadilla, 4-3 (Lopez), judge Dick Young, 5-3 (Lopez) and judge Richard Steele, 4-4.

This was only the second loss for Lopez, who weighed 125½. The crowd numbered 4122 and the gate was $21,536.

Fast rising Randy Shields, 136½, North Hollywood, outgunned Juan Morales, 140, Mexico. Shields stopped the outclassed Mexican in the third round to give him his 14th straight win.

Rufino Hernandez, 117, East Los Angeles, KO over Octavio Quintero, 117, Mexico, (6); Mike Stuart, 112, Los Angeles, dec. over Mario Rogelio, 114½, Mexico, (4).

▲**San Diego** — Young Mike (Miguel) Mayon, 135, San Diego, had too much experience for Vic Abraham, 136, Long Beach, capturing an unanimous 10-round decision at the Coliseum.

Mayon, one of the better lightweight prospects in California, took seven of the ten rounds.

Manuel (Schoolboy) Lujan, 121½, San Diego, dec. over Joe Johnson, 121, Los Angeles, (6); Julio Lopez, 132½, San Diego, dec. over Bobby Larsen, 131½, San Diego, (5); Carlos Tijerina, 172½, National City, KO over Gary Ghan, 176½, San Diego, (2).

▲**Stockton** — Boxing historians probably took little notice of the 10-rounder between Diego Martinez and Tanny Amancio at Civic Auditorium,. But it was a classic as far as the 1200 fans were concerned.

It was a war all the way with Martinez, 124, Mexico, winning a narrow decision. There wasn't a clinch in all ten rounds of the action packed fight.

The win gave Martinez a 26-2 mark, while Tanny, who is from Cebu City in the Philippines, took his ninth setback against 36 victories. The Filipino weighed 122.

Dale Grant, 161½, Tacoma, dec. over Karl Vinson, 162, Sacramento, (6); Alberto Reyes, 132, Manila, P.I., dec over Raymundo Martinez, 132, Mexico, (10).

DANNY LOPEZ

▲**San Diego** — Art Hafey should own Jose Olivares by now after taking his third 10 round decision.

In a special show held at a Mission Valley hotel for the Leukemia Society of America, Hafey coasted to an easy points win. Art weighed 126, Olivares, 127.

Mike Mayon, 139, San Diego, sent Jimmy Robertson, 145½, Los Angeles, into retirement via an eighth round knockout.

Manuel (Schoolboy) Lujan, 122, San Diego, dec. over Alex Mayoral, 122, National City, (6); Hugh Bailey, 186, San Diego, KO over Bob Roberts, 216½, San Diego, (1).

The gate was $7,995.

▲**San Carlos** — Ray Lunny, III peppered Aurelio Muniz, 134, Mexico, with sharp left jabs enroute to a 10 round decision at the Circle Star Theatre.

Lunny, who is undefeated, fights out of Palo Alto and is managed by his father, Ray Lunny II who was a crackerjack lightweight in the early 40's.

Young Ray weighed 133¾.

A close to capacity turnout paid $9,084.

Snake Hampton, 179½, Los Angeles, KO over Fernando Lee Jones, 179, Oakland, (1); Armando Mendieta, 128½, San Jose, dec. over Jesus Robles, 129, San Jose, (6); Johnny Pinedo, 149, Modesto, and Jim Burchett, 150, San Francisco, no contest. (Both fighters cut and couldn't continue).

▲**Los Angeles** — Carlos Palomino, 146, a former all service champion, upset Nelson Ruiz, 147½, Caracas, in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Palomino, carrying the attack, gradually wore down the Venezuelan. Ruiz was only offering token resistance in the sixth round, when trainer Teddy Bentham tossed in the towel.

Managed by Jackie McCoy, Palomino has lost only one start and looms as a boy to watch. Charlie hails from near-by Long Beach.

Cesar Gomez Kee, 110, Mexico, KO over Mike Stuart, 114½, Los Angeles, (1); Carlos Barajas, 136, East Los Angeles, KO over Vic de la Cruz, 134½, Los Angeles, (5); Mario Rogelio, 114½, Mexico, dec. over Chuck Goodrum, 117, Bell, (5); Jesus Burciago, 147½, Los Angeles, dec. over Johnny Mancino, 152, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**Santa Maria** — The second boxing promotion here saw stocky Jose Rosa, 120½, San Juan. P.R., win a convincing 10-round decision over Sergio Ayala, 123, Mexico.

Sportsman's Ltd. of Santa Barbara, headed by former fighter Dick Underwood, were disappointed with the slim turnout of less than a 1000 fans. Johnny Flores of Los Angeles was the matchmaker.

Baby Corona, 122½, Los Angeles, KO over Alfonso Delgadilo, 121¾, Mexico, (3); Victor de la Cruz, 136, Los Angeles, dec. over Luis O'Campo, 135½, East Los Angeles, (5); Abdul

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DR. LA ROCHE ELECTED CANADIAN CHIEF 4TH TIME

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal, Can. — More than 25 delegates from across Canada attended the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation annual meeting here. Dr. Jean LaRoche (Montreal) was re-elected president of the Federation for the fourth consecutive year. The voting was unanimous. Ron Hayter, (Edmonton) was elected first vice president and Donal Kerr Halifax) third V.P. .

Speaking on championship matches, the president looked forward to the revival of regional titles in an effort to produce more efficient and logical contenders for National titles.

Both the heavyweight and light heavyweight divisions in Canada have been inactive during the past year due to the lack of contenders. The middleweight, welterweight, bantamweight and flyweight classes remain dormant.

Art Hafey, Canada's top and only featherweight still remains without a national title, he does not have a single contender from coast to coast.

Latest listing of Canadian champions issued at the meeting is as follows,

Heavyweight Champion, George Chuvalo (Toronto). Light Heavyweight, Gary Summerhays (Brantford). Middleweight, Dave Downey (Halifax). Welterweight, Clyde Gray (Toronto). Lightweight, Johnny Summerhays (Brantford). Featherweight, Vacant. Bantamweight, Vacant. Flyweight, Vacant.

Turning to the Commonwealth ratings the latest listings have a total of nine Canadian boxers rated. This includes Clyde Gray (Toronto) the Commonwealth Welterweight champion. The world ratings list only two Canadian boxers, Clyde Gray holding a high position in the welterweight class and Art Hafey who has slipped.

▲**Toronto** — It is with sadness and regret that I have to report of the death in a Toronto hospital of one of Canada's finest boxers, Tom Goodman. Born in Moncton, N.B. it did not take Tom long to start seeing the world, before he had reached the age of fifteen he had served as a cabin boy on a five masted schooner out of Portland on a trip to Hong Kong. The round trip lasted some four hundred and ten days.

Tom's first pro bout was against Jack Rippen, a soldier from Fort McKim. Weighing around 128 pounds McKim was a K.O. victim to the barely 16-year-old former cabin boy. Tom featured in many bouts in the Portland and Boston area when three ounce 'skin tights' were standard equipment. In 1914 he joined the Army and saw plenty of action overseas, he saw action at the famous Hill 420 and was decorated for bravery.

After the end of hostilities Tom returned to boxing as a trainer and worked with many of the big names in boxing. He came to Toronto in 1921 to work with a fighter known as Teddy Hayes, he stayed over and was responsible for the development of such fine Canadian boxers as Larry Gains and Doug Lewis. It was Goodman, Gains and Lewis who were mainly responsible for breaking through the colour bar which existed in Toronto at the time. Tom went to Europe with Gains in 1925 when Gains had problems getting fights in Canada. Back in Toronto when Doug Lewis fought George Fifield for the Canadian welterweight title both Goodman and Gains worked in the corner of Lewis. .

During his long career in the business, Tom saw almost all the great names in boxing, of these he rated, asSam Langford as the greatest fighter he saw in action. At 165 pounds, Tom was emphatic that Langford had no equals.

In retirement Tom lived in Northern Ontario with his wife Doris who had been his partner for 45 years. Tom was removed to a Toronto hospital when he became a little weary in September. On Sept. 17th, he reached his 89th, birthday. The following day he died in his sleep. Tom Goodman, boxer, soldier, citizen and a fine man will be sadly mourned and missed by his many friends in the U.S.A. and Canada.

BARBIZZI STOPS BYRD AS WILMINGTON CHEERS

By NIGEL COLLINS

Wilmington, Delaware — Co-promoters Les Sitzer and Sam Jacobs reintroduced to the city of Wilmington proboxing at Fournier Hall. The near capacity crowd indicated that regular shows at this club should do well.

Philadelphia Obie English, 208, TKO'ed Danny Lee, 185, in the first round of the scheduled ten-round main event. Lee hails from Louisville, Ky.

Although he seemed disgusted at the caliber of his opponent, English failed to accomplish a clean finish.

Lee was nailed by several dozen shots but refused to go down. Much to the relief of everyone concerned, referee Bob Polis ended the mismatch after 1:31 of the opening round.

The most exciting bout of the evening saw local hero Joe Barbizzi, 208, stop Bob Byrd, 191, in the second round. Byrd, a reputed barroom bouncer, took the count after several wild exchanges. Both men were crude but willing.

Philadelphia's Al Styles Jr., 161, outpointed Lester Camper, 162, Baltimore, over six. The first five rounds were of the ho-hum variety but things livened up in the last stanza. Styles decked Camper twice with a couple of perfect right hands but Lester got up and was coming on strong at the bell.

Wendell Bailey, 200, won a close decision in a dull sixer over Vandell "Big Boy" Woods, 184 while Cole Lorson, 167, looked lucky to get the nod over Mike Brown, 165, in four.

Jimmy Anderson opened the show with a third round TKO over fellow middleweight Bob Ziegler. Zeigler is a veteran loser out of Philly.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

IVBA PRES.

Augustine Ardias . . . . better known in fistic circles as Bobby Evans, passed away at age 81 in his Portland, Oregon home.

Steve Hamas. . . .former heavyweight contender who once defeated Max Schmeling, passed away at age 67 at Northport Veteran's Hospital.

Bobby Ruffin. . . .great little lightweight of yesteryear, is a security guard at fFirst Boston, 20 exchanExchange Place in N.Y. It is 31 years ago that Ruffin defeated Beau Jack in one of the biggest up-sets in the lightweight division. The Beau was a 10 to 1 favorite towhi whip the upstart.

Domenick Santadonato. . . .known in his fistic days as Mickey Donato, passed away at age 62. Donato was a slam bang welter out of Harrison, N.Y., active in many youth functions.

Paul Berlenbach. . . .former world's lightheavy champ had December 1st as his Ring 21's 14th Annual Dinner-Dance. It was held at Micali Terrace, 1521-86th Street, Brooklyn, honoring Sammy Cara, Pete Della, Stan Kasza, Charlie Frisco and Bill "Moose" Miller.

Tony Galento. . . .former heavyweight who once had Joe Louis on the "Deck", was honored at the Orange Elks Home.

Bill "Moose" Miller. . . .is hospitalized at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, 6th St. & 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Room #532.

Joe Kane. . . .active member of VBA Ring #21 of Brooklyn, and N.J. Boxing Hall of Famer, passed away.

Lulu Perez and Aaron Seltzer. . . .two top leatherslingers of yesteryear have joined Ring #30 of Westchester County.

"God is in My Corner". . . .the story of Frankie Ryff, former lightweight contender, is due to go to the printers shortly. Frankie penned the complete book himself.

Joe Laratta. . . .good pugilist back in the early 1940's is now a veteran actor in Hollywood, where he is better known as Steve Conte. He has made countless movies in the past 30 years, and recently made a trip back east to visit friends and relatives.

Let Philbin. . . .former boxer out of Ypsilanti, Michigan, is the publicity man for Ring #32 of Detroit.

Chester Rico. . . .former lightweight contender from the Bronx, has moved to Las Vegas, where he is employed as a security guard at a large hotel.

The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame recently held its Annual Induction Dinner with great success. Over one thousand fistic fans jammed Diamond Jim's Restaurant in Matawan, N.J., for this event. Adrian Bailey, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, is the former prexy of Ring #34 of Wanamassa, N.J., as well as the former treasurer of the IVBA.

George Rugg. . . .Secretary of Ring #8 of N.Y.C. and his charming Blanche recently celebrated 45 years of wedded bliss.

KNOCKOUTS GALORE IN FIGHTS AT LAS VEGAS

By HELEN SARGE

Las Vegas, Nev. — Bill Miller's shows at the Silver Slipper roll merrily on.

The customers like knockouts and they are getting a large share of them. Here are the results of recent shows:

▲Show No. 1:—MIDDLEWEIGHTS, 10 rds. Jesse Chuco Garcia, 156, K.O.'d George King Aid-oo 1:48 10th round

JUNIOR WELTERS, 6 rds. Juan Morales 140, L.A. K.O.'d Johnny Copeland 136, 2:12 rd. 2

WELTERS, 6 rds. Ron Gibbons 145, Las Vegas, K.O.'d Robert Turner 142, L.A. 2:22 of the fifth round.

WELTERS, 6 rds. Ezra Davis 142, Las Vegas, K.O.'d Joe Boyd 142, 2:50 round five.

▲Show No. 2—MIDDLEWEIGHTS, 10 rds. Jesse Chucho Garcia 157, San Diego, K.O.'d Rocky Hernandez, 1:26 rnd 2

WELTERS, 6 rds. Ronnie Gibbons 146, Las Vegas, K.O.'d Kevin Morgon, 1:46 rd 3.

WELTERS, 6 rds. Ezra Davis 144, Las Vegas, Decision over Erbie Mc Miskin, L.A.

MIDDIES, 6 rds. Larry Shelton 156, Las Vegas, Decisioned Vallantine Kelly 161, Las Vegas.

▲Show No. 3—HEAVIES, 10 rds. Leroy Jones Denver 245, K.O.'d Koli Valea 190, Phoenix 1:20 rd. 4.

MIDDIES, 6 rds. Vincente Medina 157, Tucson Decisioned Vallantine Kelly 160, Las Vegas.

MIDDIES, 6 rds. Ike Shippman, 153, Denver, Decisioned Robert Hall 156, Tucson.

BANTAMs, 6 rds. Bobby Hunter 117, Denver, Decisioned Danny Young 119, Tucson.

MIDDIES, 10 rds. Hilda Silva 163, Cal. T.K.O. win 2:20 rd 8 over Dale Grant 164, Denver.

HEAVIES, 6 rds. This bout was stopped in the fourth by Dr. Donald Romeo, due to bad cut in mouth of Lee Mitchelle 182, L.A., wWinner Jodie Ballard.

MIDDIES, 6 rds. Vincente Nedina 157, Phoenix Decisioned Juan Gonzales 160, Cal.

LIGHTWEIGHTS, 6 rds. Nick Alfara 133, Tucson, K.O.'d Ray Thomas 132, L.A., 2:45 rd one.

▲Show No. 4—JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS, 10 rds. Richie Alvardo 125, West Jodon Utah split decision over Alfredo Medrano 124, San Diego.

MIDDIES, 8 rds. Frankie Kolovart 156, Phoenix unanimous decision over Johnny Gonzalez, 159 San Diego.

WELTERS, 6 rds. Ezra Davis 143, Las Vegas, Decisioned Earl Young 141, Salt Lake.

BANTAMS, 5 rds. Javier Flores 115, Salt Lake, K.O.'d Cande Jglesias 113, Tucson 2:08 of round three.

BOSSY BODIES PLAY HAVOC WITH BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England — Britain seems to be going through a "giving up title" period. After winning the WBC light heavyweight crown, John Conteh relinquished his European championship. Ken Buchanan has decided to give up his British lightweight title. This closely followed Kevin Finnegan's relinquishment of the British middleweight crown.

In each case the problems are obvious. If Conteh defended his WBC title against a Continental fighter, his WBC championships would have to be at stake.

Finnegan has decided to concentrate on the European title, and has preferred not to be committed to defend his British crown within a stipulated period.

Buchanan has been extremely unlucky in that he was required to defend his British and European titles separately, but both within the same period. This was not possible, so he asked the British Boxing Board of Control for an extension of time.

Apparently this was not forthcoming, so Ken wrote to the Board, telling them that he would give up the title, but "under protest."

As Ken is in line for a world title fight also, the move he has made is probably the only one possible under the circumstances, but the above actions all underline the difficulties that face any boxer who is good enough to win more than one title.

Obviously disappointed, Ken stated that as long as he is a world title contender there didn't seem a lot of point in worrying about the British crown.

He's right, but it is a pity that every ruling body cannot bear individual situations in mind whenever these problems arise. The British Board and the Commonwealth Championships Committee normally give a boxer as much latitude as possible in these circumstances, but the European Boxing Union rarely follows the example of the other two organizations.

▲World Sporting Club, London, — Richard Dunn, Bradford, 210, comfortably outpointed Tim Wood, Leicester, 191½, over eight, and although the margin was presumably by two rounds, 79-78, tribute should be paid to Wood for a fine performance in spite of the handicap of facial cuts, including one over the left eye, sustained in the opening session.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of November 15, 1974)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (E)

1. Joe Bugner (J)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Mani Vaka (T)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Rocky Campbell (Ant)
6. Ngoziza Ekwellum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Les Stevens (E)
9. Wendell Newton (B)
10. Sunia Cama (Fiji)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Phil Matthews (E)
2. Chris Finnegan (E)
3. Maxie Smith (E)
4. Roy John (W)
5. Pat McCann (E)
6. Johnny Frankham (E)
7. Steve Aczel (A)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Greg McNamara (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Battling Lauvassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Monty Betham (NZ)
6. Ray McGrady (A)
7. William White (Samoa)
8. Dave Downey (C)
9. Jan Magdziarz (E)
10. Gary Broughton (C)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
3. Larry Paul (E)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Pongi Lie (T)
6. Carlos Marks (Tr)
7. Matt Donovan (Tr)
8. Kevin White (E)
9. Maurice Hope (Ant)
10. Jean Claude Lemay (C)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
7. Kenny Webber (J)
8. Henry Rhiney (J)
9. Trevor Francis (J)
10. Dave Edwards (A)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Martin Beni (Papua)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Joey Singleton (E)
9. Jim Melrose (S)
10. Lawrence Hafey (C)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
6. Colin Cassidy (A)
7. Jimmy Bell (S)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Billy Waith (W)
10. Alan Buchanan (S)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Evan Armstrong (S)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. David Poison (G)
4. Jimmy Revie (A)
5. Bingo Crooks (J)
6. Alan Richardson (E)
7. Vernon Sollas (S)
8. Tony Ryder (A)
9. Merv Wockner (A)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Guinea Hillier (A)
5. Fred Burns (A)
6. John Kellie (S)
7. George Turpin (E)
8. John Mitchell (S)
9. Brian Clout (A)
10. Billy Edwards (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
4. John McCluskey (S)
5. Jim Slatter (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

Southpaw Dunn, loser in his previous three bouts, albeit each time to overseas opposition, thus kept his rating as No. 3 contender for the British title, but was never allowed to relax by the plucky Wood.

Using his superior weight to good advantage, Dunn caught his man with hard left hooks in the first round, and with Wood cut so early in the fight it looked as if Dunn was well on the way to victory.

So it came as somewhat of a surprise when in the second session Wood took the fight to his opponent, and with quite a bit of success. Dunn was cut on the right eyebrow in the third, but it didn't seem to worry him unduly, and whereas Wood's injuries were worsening.

Fortunes swayed, with Dunn scoring with his southpaw right leads, and at times following up with left crosses, to establish a points advantage at the half-way stage.

Wood's courage kept him going, forcing Dunn to work hard in order to hang on to his lead. But hang on to it he did, and in the final round brought over a solid left to the chin that had Wood wobbly.

Referee Harry Humphreys inspected Tim's injuries on two occasions in this session, but signalled "Box On" each time, which was some compensation for the Leicester boxer.

Jim Devanney, Bradford, 152, stopped Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 146, an eye injury forcing the referee to intervene in the fourth.

Their previous meeting, five months earlier, also ended in a cut-eye win for Devanney.

A good fight up to the stoppage, with honours about even. Hardiman opened in promising fashion, but Devanney came right back into the reckoning, and it was anybody's fight when Alan's right eyebrow was cut.

Carl Speare, Liverpool, 163½, outscored Batman Austin, Tottenham, 167, by 79½-78½ over eight "twos." Austin did his best to confirm a previous win over Speare, showing plenty of aggression, but the latter's punching was sharper and more controlled.

Toni Mikulski, Portsmouth, 216, made it eight wins in a row by outpointing Neville

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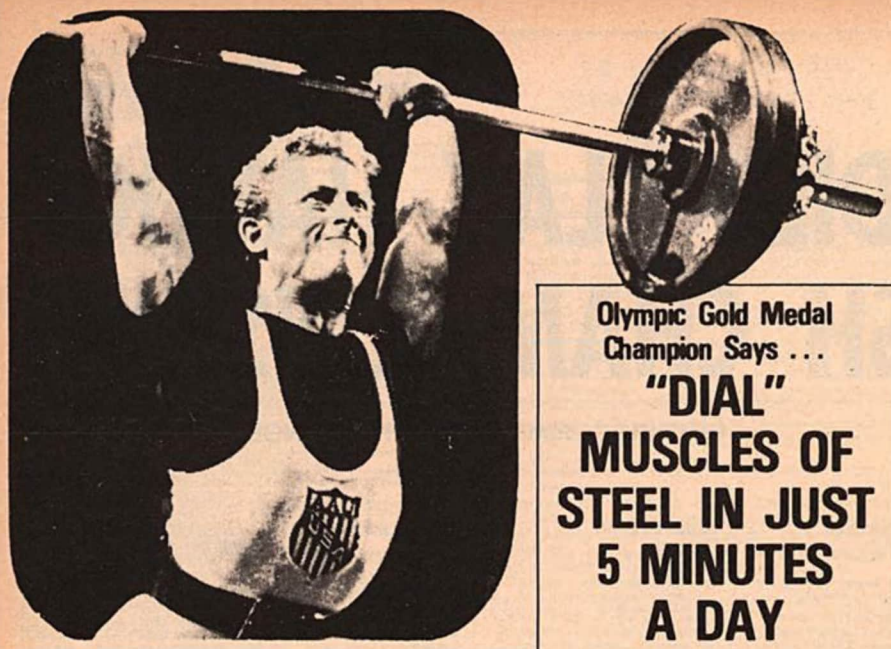

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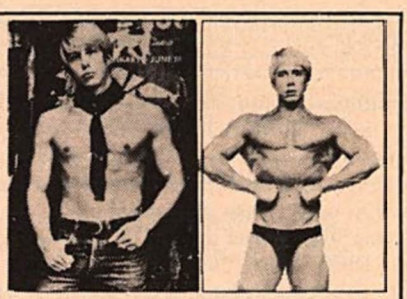

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HALLACY MAKES BERRY RUN OUT OF RING IN THIRD

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla., — Ned Hallacy, Oklahoma boxing's newest sensation, made his entry into the main events a big one when he forced Oklahoma heavyweight champion Tom Berry to quit in the third round at the Holiday Inn Northwest.

Berry ran across the ring at 1:41 of the round telling referee Leroy Miller, "I quit! I've had enough!" then bolted out of the ring and into his nearby dressing room. He dressed quickly and left the arena saying little of anything to anybody.

Hallacy, 180, came out a Joe Frazier in the first round stinging the heavier Sooner Champion with hard left hooks to the head.

Berry, 225, retaliated with a few sharp left jabs, and some right crosses but even that early in the fight it was apparent that he lacked the fire power to hold off the spunky Hallacy.

In the second, Hallacy got off early landing some good left hooks to the body followed by hard shots to the head while Berry, attempted to hold Hallacy off with his jab and then bull the smaller man into the ropes and hold on.

Twice in the round Hallacy banged home some hard left hooks and was continuing his onslaught in the third when Berry signalled that he was through. But that didn't stop Hallacy, who revealed, later that he didn't know the fight was over until Berry climbed out of the ring, and he kept punching away as Berry ducked through the ropes.

While this corresp0ndent has always felt that it takes a lot of guts to climb in the ring, the way Tom Berry lost left a sour taste in my mouth, especially because he is the Oklahoma heavyweight champion.

Perhaps the man in Oklahoma to watch is hard punching middleweight Tony Gardner. Gardner failed to break a sweat in his bout with Roy Jones of New Orleans when he stopped his foe in the first round of their scheduled ten rounder.

Tony needed to land only three punches—a right cross, left hook, right uppercut—to send Jones into dreamland at 15 seconds of the round. Those fifteen seconds include the referee's count and will go down on the record as the quickest one round knockout in Oklahoma and one of the fastest in the world.

Gardner is presently seeking a shot at Jose "Chu Chu" Garcia of Mexico in a fight for the North American Junior Middleweight Title.

▲**Memphis, Tenn.,** — Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City's junior middleweight K.O. king, used a blitzing right hand to dispose of stout hearted Ronnie Chicon of Copan in the seventh round of their scheduled ten rounder.

For Gardner, it was his 12th straight knockout, making his overall record 27-5 with 22 knockouts. Chicon, whose only three losses are at the hands of Gardner and light heavyweight Ned Hallacy, is 7-3 with 5 knockouts.

▲**Oklahoma City,** — Claude "Humphrey" McBride, the former heavyweight champion of Oklahoma, has retired from the ring and is presently training some of Oklahoma's top fistic talents.

After being stopped in the second round by hard hitting Ned Hallacy, the big 280-pound "super-heavyweight" retired and soon took up his training duties.

McBride currently trains Tony Gardner, Oklahoma's hard punching middleweight, Sean O'Grady, undefeated amateur bantamweight, and Mac Gray, promising amateur featherweight.

McBride, was undefeated in his first 28 starts, including a win over Terry Daniels, before losing to Buster Mathis on a third round TKO. McBride also fought Al "Blue" Lewis, John Dennis and Jimmy Cross.

SPONAGLE BEATS COLLETTE IN 12, AND IT'S NO PICNIC

By FRED BISHOP

Stellarton, N.S. — Barry Sponagle, 135, Stellarton, N.S., Canadian junior lightweight champ, had his hands full to grab a 12 round unanimous decision over a kid fighting for national recognition, Paul Collette, 135, Montreal.

Sponagle, a fast sneak puncher jumped to a quick lead, scoring a good knockdown in the first, good for a nine count but in remainder of this fight had to call on his vast experience to earn this victory.

Sponagle now is stated to meet Johnny Summerhays for the Canadian title. Summerhays picked up Al Ford's crown as a gift from the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation which recognize Summerhays because he beat Danny Stokes of Toronto in September. The Federation overlooked the # Canadian lightweight completely, Paul Tote, Quebec City.

The undercard was actioned packed. In the semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, Joey Bordon, 170, New Glasgow, pulled the upset of the year by stopping Lambert MacIntosh, 175, Sydney River, midway through the sixth.

Bordon had the well regarded MacIntosh on the floor in every round, twice in the fifth, and twice again in the sixth, before referee Gary Simon wisely stopped it. For Bordon, after a shakey start in his early years had really come on in '74 to post 5 wins in 6 starts to bring his overall record to 9-9-1 along with two no-contests. He has three kayo's.

Up and coming Kelly Oickle, 155, Sydney, was all over young Kenny Acoin, 162, Pictou, and stopped his man in the first minute of the first. (Two straight kayo's for Oickle)

Jimmy Cromwell, 174, New Glasgow, won a war with Young Gullickson, 170, Halifax, and stopped him midway through the third.

Rocky Misener, 121, Pictou, took a well earned decisiion in a four over Dave Goodwin, 121, New Glasgow.

NAPOLES LEAVES ARCARI OUT IN COLD ON $160,000 OFFER

By J. A. TREE

ROME, Italy — Bruno Arcari, who won the WBC junior welterweight title in January, 1970, and made nine defenses, has left the class. An injured right arm suffered during his fight with Paul Venerdini of Mexico, caused a postponement of his scheduled bout with Lion Furuyama, Japan, but injury was not the only reason.

For Venerdini, Arcari weighed some 12 pounds over the junior welterweight limit. Perico Fernandez, Spain, holder of the European title, then met Furuyama for the vacated crown in Rome, with the Spaniard winning on points. The Spanish judge voted in favor of Fernandez 148-143, the Japanese official saw it 148-145 for Furuyama while the British referee made the Spaniard in front by 146-145 points.

The verdict caused a near riot with debris being thrown in the ring for most thought Furuyama had done enough in the closing heats to snatch the extra point.

Fernandez lost some of his fire in the last quarter of the bout and the slow starting Furuyama made a strong finish. In rounds fourteen and fifteen Furuyama landed good upper cuts to the head and body and was in command.

Fernandez must now make a defense against Joao Henrique of Brazil. Arcari, who hoped to face Jose Napoles for the world welterweight title, learned that Napoles is not interested in Rodolfo Sabbatini's bid of a generous $160,000 and has decided to make a defense against Angel Espada. Will Arcari, now left out in the cold, call it a day?

Arcari, although not recognized by The Ring staff as champion, was a great boxer and during his 10 years in the ring took part in five Italian championship bouts, five European and 10 WBC world title contests. The only criticism raised against the Italian was that he preferred to fight at home.

I can remember him making an odd appearance in France, Austria, Denmark and America. Nearly 20 bouts took place in his home town of Genoa and another 20 or so in Rome. Arcari became champion of his country by beating Massimo Consolate in 1966 and then made successful defenses against, Afrem Donati, Romano Bianchi and Piltro Vargellini. The European title he won in 1968 by beating Johann Orsolics and he then beat off challengers, Des Rea, Willi Quatuor, Juan Sombrita and Jose Torcida.

On January 31st, 1970, he won the WBC crown with a victory over Pedro Adigue, and then staked the title against Adigue, Rene Roque, Raimundo Dias, Joao Henrique (twice), Enrique Jana, Domingo Barrera Corpas, Everaldo Costa Azevedo, Jorgen Hansen and Toni Ortiz.

All of these title fights with the exception of that against Hansen which took place in Copenhagen, were fought in the champion's own back yard.

Bob Allotey, Spain, won Johnny Clark's vacated European bantamweight title, outpointing Frenchman Guy Caudron, over 15 rounds.

Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, successfully defended his European junior lightweight crown, outscoring Italian Giovanni Girgenti, over 15 rounds. Paulsen won the crown in May last, beating German Lothar Abend inside the distance.

German BDB president, Theodor Wittenbrink, is in the hospital after a heart attack. Recovery is positive but slow.

Eckhard Dagge, who recently failed to dethrone European junior middleweight champion Jose Duran, Spain, could win a return match but it is doubtful if the Spaniard will oblige for a while. The German might be wise to move up in the middleweight class. A match with Emile Griffith fell flat when the American named his price, DM 60,000. Dagge packed his bags and left for America where he will train until a suitable opponent is found.

The EBU's nomination of Gratien Tonna, France, Leonard Tavaraz, France, Elio Contena, Spain, and Dante Cane, Italy, as official challengers for European crowns held by Kelvin Finnegan, middleweight, Ken Bucha-

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Dante Cane (I)
2. Rudi Lubbers (H)
3. Bepi Ros (I)
4. Mario Baruzzi (I)
5. Bernd August (G)
6. Jan Lubbers (H)
7. Jose Urtain (S)
8. Casimiro Martinez (S)
9. Armano Zanini (I)
10. Lorenzo Zanoni (I)

Light Heavies
Title Vacant
1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
2. Tom Bogs (D)
3. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
4. Conny Velensek (G)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Aldo Traversaro (I)
7. Sergio Janilli (I)
8. Lothar Stengel (G)
9. Christian Poncelet (F)
10. Jose Galvez Vasquez (S)

Middleweights
* Kevin Finnegan (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
3. Max Cohen (F)
4. Fabio Bettini (F)
5. Frank Reiche (G)
6. Domenico Tiberia (I)
7. Elio Calcabrini (I)
8. Mario Almanzo (I)
9. Daniel Martin (F)
10. Luciano Serti (I)

Junior Middles
* Jose Duran (S)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Jacques Kechichian (F)
3. Johann Orsolics (A)
4. Franz Csandl (A)
5. Fighting Mack (H)
6. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
7. Antonio Castellini (I)
8. Francis Vermandere (F)
9. Aldo Betini (I)
10. Alberto Torri (I)

Welterweights
* John Stracey (GB)
1. Roger Menetrey (F)
2. Domenico Di Lorio (I)
3. Max Heibsen (Switz)
4. Mario Scano (I)
5. Jörgen Hansen (D)
6. Germain Lemaitre (F)
7. Jacques van Maellerts (F)
8. Giuliano Nervino (I)
9. Gonzalez Dopico (S)
10. Walter Blaser (Switz)

Junior Welters
Title Vacant
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Perico Fernandez (S)
3. Toni Ortiz (S)
4. Roger Zami (F)
5. Cemal Kamaci (T)
6. Piero Ceru (I)
7. Bruno Freshi (I)
8. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
9. Tommaso Marocco (I)
10. Antonio Chiodoni (I)

Lightweights
* Ken Buchanan (GB)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
3. Nedo Fabbri (I)
4. Leonard Tavarez (F)
5. Efisio Pinna (I)
6. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
7. Andre Holvk (F)
8. Miguel Velazquez (S)
9. Giancarlo Usai (I)
10. Enzio Pizzoni (I)

Junior Lights
* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Ugo Poli (I)
3. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
4. Jean Piedvache (F)
5. Errki Nikkinen (Fn)
6. Mario Redl (I)
7. Manuel Alcala (S)
8. Miguel Molleda (S)
9. Domingo Jiminez (S)
10. Felix Brami (F)

Featherweights
* Jose Jiminez (S)
1. Elio Cotena (S)
2. Toni Sassarini (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Bruno Pieraci (I)
5. Daniel Vermandere (F)
6. Gilles Debert (F)
7. Ramiro Marichal (S)
8. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
9. Nino Jiminez (S)
10. Albert Amatier (F)

Bantamweights
* Bob Allotey (S)
1. Guy Caudron (F)
2. Salvatore Fabrizzio (I)
3. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
4. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
5. Jacky Bihin (F)
6. Jose Luis Otero (S)
7. Luigi Tessarini (I)
8. Antonio Tenzas (S)
9. Pedro Molledo (S)
10. Dionisio Bisbal (S)

Flyweights
Title Vacant
1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Emilio Pireddu (I)
3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Mariano Garcia (S)
5. Dino Contemori (I)
6. Franco Udella (I)
7. Dominque Cessari (I)
8. Altero Marini (I)
9. Christian Martin (F)
10. Giuseppe Mura (I)

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NOTES FROM THE COAST

By ABE HOCHHEISER

Los Angeles, Calif. — Veteran boxing manager Sammy Aaronson has passed away here. Aaronson, a former New Yorker, was a boxer of the 1917-20 era. In amateur bouts he fought Sammy Baker, Archie Walker, Paul Gullotta. In professional bouts he fought Tony Vacerelli, Henry Goldberg, and Nick Palmer.

One of the top name boxers Aaronson managed was Artie Levine, middleweight of the 40's. He was also American representative for Maxie Berger, Canadian welterweight of the 40's.

Aaronson was also the owner of a number of gymnasiums around New York during the 40's and 50's; In Brooklyn he owned the "Macon Gym," Broadway and Macon Street; "The Brownsville Gym" on Rutland Road between Rockaway and Livonia Avenues. Then he owned Charley Beecher's Gym on Livonia, corner Georgia Avenue and re-named it "The Livonia Gym". Another gym he owned was in Queens on Van Wyck Boulevard in the Ozone Park section. The last gym he owned was the "East Side Gym" on Second Avenue and 8th Street., N.Y.

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▲Dentists play a big part in the career of fighters: Dr. Bradford Levin doctor of dental surgery of Los Angeles for many years has been noted in making the mouthguard for many top-name boxers.

Although Dr. Levin has made hundreds of mouthguards, the first one he made was for Armand Amanual heavyweight of the 20's; others were Ceferino Garcia, Manuel Ortiz and Enrique Bolanos. Dr. Levin's mouthguards were also used by movie actors who had parts in fight pictures. The first mouthguard made by Dr. Levin for the motion picture industry was for Fred McMurray for the picture "Invitation To Happiness" with Irene Dunne. He made mouthguard for John Garfield for the picture "Body And Soul". Mickey Rooney used Doc Levin's mouthguard in all the fight pictures he appeared in. Other actors who have used mouthguards made by Dr. Levin were Robert Ryan and Robert Taylor.

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▲From glove boy-water bucket boy-cameraman in silent film days to boxing manager, that's the life story of Tommy Farmer of Hollywood, Cal.

Farmer was born in Boston. As a youngster during the early 1900's he got a job as a glove boy and water boy at local fight clubs Boston's Cyclorama arena, Bob McGurty's House Of Action and Boston's Mechanics Hall. Later on in years Farmer became a cornerman and fight manager. In 1920 Farmer came to California and went to work for Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford during the silent screen days of movie making and worked as a motion picture cameraman, grip man, property man, electrician, spotlight man.

Farmer was associated with many fighters. Together with Johnny Rogers he managed Jackie Jurich, flyweight champ, Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champ, and Lloyd Marshall, middleweight of the 40's. He was partners with Tommy McFarland in the management of Jack Roper heavyweight of the 30's. Was trainer for the late Eddie Walker's fighters Artie Dorrell, welterweight of the 40's, and featherweight champ Chalky Wright. Other fighters he worked with were Charley Burley and Holman Williams middleweights of the 40's.

▲The Los Angeles Police Department and Cauliflower Alley Club presented a "Boxing Alumni Night" at Wilmington California's Longshoremans Hall.

Ten amateur boxing bouts were held. Many Celebrities in attendance. . .former welter champ Jimmy McLarnin, Bert Colima, Joey Orbillo, Rudolfo Gonzalez, Lou Nova, Phil Bloom, Frankie Garcia President of the Golden State VBA. Former wrestlers in attendance were Cauliflower Alley Club President Mike Mazurki, Dave Levin and Dr. Fred Meyer. In attendance from show biz were movie and TV producer Jim Bays, Danny Davenport and Al Baffert veteran movie stuntmen, Tex Jordan who played in cowboy pictures with Tom Mix. Also in attendance was Marshall Wright executive director of the Cauliflower Alley Club.

All proceeds from the show went to the Los Angeles Police Department Harbor Area Boys Club. Nobile "Kid" Chissell, veteran movie actor and former boxer, was ringmaster and MC.

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▲The Golden State Veterans Boxers Association and Cauliflower Alley Club honored veteran lightweight boxer of the 20's Sid Marks with a dinner at the Los Angeles Elk's Club.

Among those in attendance were former boxing champs Jimmy McLarnin, Ceferino Garcia, William "Gorilla" Jones, Mushy Callahan. Also former boxers Enrique Bolanos, Al "Abie" Bain, Phil Bloom, Billy Wallace, Lou Nova, Newsboy (Dave Montrose) Brown, Mickey "Golden" Goldberg, Sammy Offerman, Lou Paluso. Former wrestling greats attending were Dr. Fred Meyer, Dave Levin, Vincent Lopez, Mike Mazurki. Also in attendance was boxing promoter George Parnasus and former boxing manager Jack Nolan who is now associated with Parnassus. Others attending were boxing manager Tommy Farmer, Frankie Garcia President of the Golden State vba and George Levine Godlden State VBA Secretary-Treasurer.

The dinner was a tribute to Marks, whose Newspaperboys Hall of Fame collection has been enshrined permanently at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and has been re-named "Famous American Newspaper Carriers Exhibit".

Famous persons listed in Marks newsboys Hall of Fame collection who sold newspapers in their youth are former U.S. Presidents Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson. Former FBI Chief Edgar Hoover, former N.Y. Governor Thomas E. Dewey, U.S. Army Generals Omar Bradley, Nathan F. Twining, James H. Doolittle. U.S. astronauts Scott Carpenter, John H. Glenn, Jr. U.S. Senator Jacob Javits. Cardinal Francis Spellman, Rabbi Magnin. Billards champion Willie Mosconi. From the entertainment world. . .Bob Hope, Pat O'Brien, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Jimmy Durante, Eddie Cantor, Billy Eckstine, Arthur Godfrey, Art Linkletter, Danny Thomas, Ray Bolger, George Gobel, Morey Amsterdam, Dennis Day. World famous cartoonist Milton Caniff. Movie producer Walt Disney. Circus clown Emmett Kelly. Newscasters Lowell Thomas, Gabriel Heatter. Baseballs Alvin Dark, Rogers Hornsby, Stan Musial, Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio. Footballs's Red Grange, Elroy Crazylegs Hirsch. Horse racing jockey Pete Moreno.

Last but not least, from boxing, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Barney Ross, Fred Apostoli, Ken Overlin, Sugar Ray Robinson, Ezzard Charles, Benny Leonard, Mushy Callahan, Manuel Ortiz, Frankie Neil, Jack Root, Henry Armstrong, Newsboy (Dave Montrose) Brown, Abe Attell, Rocky Kansas, Jackie Fields, Kid Williams, Lew Tendler, Rocky Marciano, Fidel LaBarba, Young Corbett III, Petey Sarron, Paul Berlenbach, Bud Taylor, Jersey Joe Walcott, James J. Braddock, Willie Ritchie, Tommy Loughran and James J. Corbett.

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▲Duke Hallaway (veteran west coast manager-trainer) and Phil Silver (welter champ Jose Napoles trainer) are the trainers for Sugar Ray Robinson who works out daily at Howie Steindler's Los Angeles Main Street gym. Robinson appears regular in motion picture boxing scenes. . .Bill Miller veteran West Coast publicist is a patient at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles. . .Eli Crutch former Akron, manager and ring announcer of the 1910-20 and 30 era passed away. Crutch managed the two Brock brothers from Cleveland Phil Brock who fought lightweight champ Freddie Welsh and his brother Matt Brock who fought Johnny Dundee and George "KO" Chaney. . .Georgia Abrams, former middleweight who fought Tony Zale for the title, was a recent California visitor. Abrams has a sister who lives in North Hollywood and visits her yearly. . .Los Angeles Main Street gym owner Howie Steindler's mother passed away. . .Joe Burman, bantamweight of the 1900's and 20's who fought champs Joe Lynch, Pete Herman and Kid Williams is a patient at California's Palm Springs Convalescent Home.

Burman is related to Russell Harley of the Golden State Veterans Boxers Association. . .Chicago boxing manager and former featherweight of the 30's Bobby O'Dowd's mother passed away.

KOST OUT IN 6 ON TKO BY DENNIS IN SYRACUSE

By VINCENT JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa., — Unbeaten John "Dino" Dennis, heavyweight prospect from North Attleboro, Mass., made it 18 wins, as he t.k.o.'d, Binghamton, N.Y.'s, Tommy Kost, in round six of scheduled 10 round event.

Dennis, 202, making his fifth Scranton appearance, opened a cut over the left eye of Kost, with a right hand in the fourth round. Dennis, a clever boxer, kept a quick jab going against the Kost, 199, and prompted referee Dick Woehrle to halt the bout at 1:32, of the sixth, after examining the cut eye. Kost, popular with the Scranton crowd, gave it a good go and it was a exciting scrap while it lasted.

Dennis's assortment of punches had him ahead on all three cards while it lasted. Kost's, record slipped to 17-4, while for Dino, it is 18 wins and a draw.

The eight round semi final came to a quick halt as Brian O'Melia was declared the winner over Tommy Sheehan, Dunmore, Pa., after only 1:10 of the opening round. Sheehan moving to avoid an O'Melia punch twisted his ankle and was in obvious pain as he slipped to the canvas, and could not continued.

O'Melia, from Jersey City, N.J., weighed 199, while Sheehan was 204. This was a return of an earlier draw.

Paul Simonetti, 236, Dunmore, Pa., dropped Terry Kid, Newark, N. J., three times in the opening round of a scheduled six rounder, bringing a halt to the contest at 2:36 of round one.

John Davis, 142, New York, was a second round t.k.o., winner over Endicott, N.Y.'s, Jerry Snyder, 142, when Snyder after being dropped twice in the first could not answer the bell for the 2nd of the scheduled six.

In the opener on the professional card, Jeff Ward, 220, Binghamton, was a third round t.k.o. winner over Big Ben Whittington, 286, of Philadelphia. Whittington, who seemed to have the upper hand in the scrap, suddenly decided he had enough boxing for the night, as he motioned to the referee for the stoppage.

In a pair of amateur bouts, preceding the pros, Gary Sholtes, and Frank Bailey were victorious.

The card promoted by the Scranton Friends of Boxing, attracted 2100 fans who payed $10, 200.

▲Syracusan Hal "T.N.T." Carroll, was an explosive 10-round unanimous winner over Dutch heavyweight Rudi Lubbers in a bout at Rotterdam, Holland. The popular Carroll drew the plaudits from the Dutch crowd for his quick striking ability and clever boxing as he was in command throughout.

Carroll, upped his record to 30-7-1, while Lubbers, is 23-3, with losses to Ali, Bugner, and Carroll. Always ready for action, Carroll, is managed by Billy Harris.

▲Floyd Patterson, and New York State chairman of the 1975 Heart Crusade, came into Syracuse with a team of youngsters for an amateur boxing show at Grant Jr. High. Winners were,: Jack Scollo, 119, Tom Gwynn, 139, Pablo DeJesus, 155, Rick Manzi, 160, Leo Richardson, 165, Ken Wyatt, 125, Mike Matthews, 147, Kevin James, 125 Jamie Lipman, 125, and Mike Brown, 139.

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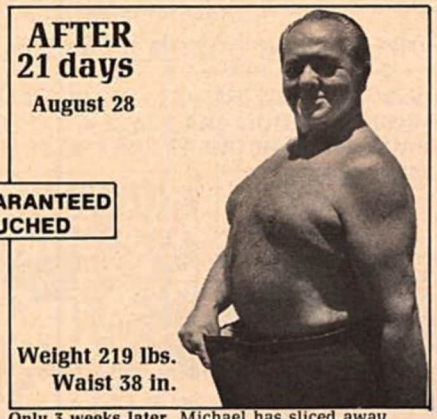

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TAKAYAMA SNAPS SUGA'S WIN STREAK BY KO IN 7

By TATSUO SHIMODA

Tokyo, Japan — Crafty Masataka Takayama, 134¾, outpunched Arab Suga from the fourth round on to polish off the aggressive guy in round seven. Takayama's national title was at stake. Suga's winning streak was stopped at 16. The shorter Suga bored in gamely to chase the defending champ. In the third session Suga nailed Takayama against the ropes to batter him at will. Masa received a gash over the right eyebrow. A tide turned from the next canto, as Masa solved his rival's mobility to well-timed counterpunches. As the contest progressed, Masa put up a one-sided attack. Suga, was groggy enough to fail to defend himself from Masa's continual barrage. Then the third man called a halt to save the loser from further punishment.

▲Knocked out in the previous contest, ambitious Flipper Uehara engaged in a rematch to avenge Hugo Barraza in his native land, Okinawa. Barraza had sent Uehara to the dreamland with one left hook. It was Uehara's first loss since he turned pro in Hawaii. This time they fought furiously to a draw in 10 frames. Uehara, brother of Yasutsune who failed to wrest Ben Villaflor's 130-pound title, weighed 127¼, the Colombian champ 126½.

▲Royal Kobayashi, unbeaten featherweight at 126, scored an important win from Bert Nabalatan, Hawaii-based Filipino, in 10 hot frames. There were no knockdown. Kobayashi was unable to continue a sensational KO streak against the 12th rival. But he fought the first name opponent with a positive two-fisted attack. Despite his inferior reach and height Kobayashi whipped Bert to take five rounds with a clearcut margin. The loser scaled at 124¼.

▲A news of the Asian Athletic Games at Tehran, Iran, reported that South Korea was the leading country by winning five gold medals. Japan decked only one medal in the bantam class. There were hot disputes about decisions. A riot was reported to have taken place after T. Bura, India, was disqualified because he knocked down Iran's Andaweh during a referee's order of breaking the two away. A vociferous mob gathered again around the ring to protest a controversial loss of North Korea's Jang. Police was called in to cease the riot to proceed the games.

The results of amateur boxing finals were as follows: Light Heavyweight; Masis Hambarsoonian, Iran, decisioned Mehtab Singh, India. Heavyweight; Abdolreza Andaweh, Iran, won from T. Burma, India, by a disqualification. Middleweight; Kim Sung-Chul, S. Korea, outscored Major Singh, India. Welterweight; Kim Ju-Seog, S. Korea, decisioned Yoshifumi Seki, Japan. Light Middleweight; Charif Delaram, Iran, won from Jang Ho-Ryon, N. Korea.

▲At Aomori City Jiro Takada, 111¾, barely kept Japan's flyweight title, as he was held to a draw by Beaver Kajimoto, 112, in 10 hard-fought rounds.

They began a firework from the start. Takada released stinging lefts, while Beaver attacked him at the body exclusively. The JBC title which Susumu Hanagata had relinquished was held by Takada, stablemate of the ex-champ, who decisioned Takenobu Shimabukuro in an eliminator months ago. Beaver dropped the footworker with a vicious right in round eight.

Jiro's speedy rally throughout the affair narrowly overcome a deficit of the knockdown. Beaver deserved a rematch as a sell-out crowd admitted.

▲Osaka witnessed Susumu Okabe, national junior lightweight leader, dropped flat on his back twice but coming back gamely to win a split decision in 10 hot frames.

Toshiharu Mori was a close loser. It means Okabe's first defense of the JBC title. The scrappy veterans tipped the beam at 130 pounds. Mori sent a flurry of punches to the face, decking Okabe at the end of the third round. The shorter champ was rubber-legged quite. In round four Mori's long right made his rival kiss the canvas again for a compulsory eight count.

Midway in the lopsided round Okabe turned aggressive to connect with incessant combinations. Mori, defensive at all, was downed to the ropes. They combatted toe-to-toe in every round to please a crowd of 3000.

A decision went Okabe who had dominated the latter half with a ceaseless rally. In a semi Royal Kobayashi, Olympian feather, stopped Tatsu Harada to register the 11th straight kayo. The local lefty sank from the puncher's jolting attack in the fourth session.

▲National titlists met in a nontitle go. Ushiwakamaru Harada and Shinichi Eto battled a hard-fought draw in 10. Some 2000 customers were entertained with a see-saw exchange of good punches. Harada's body attack weakened his opponent in the first five rounds. But Eto fought back hard to throw plenty of one-twos so as to overcome the points deficit. They weighed 126¾.

In a semi eight Masayuki Miyashita, 130, knocked out Sakae Nakamura, 129¾, in 7.

▲A double tenner was an attraction before 1200 fans. Having lost to Socrates Batoto via a bad kayo in June, Kenichi Shimozato decided to outgrow the flyweight division. In his first as a bantamweight Ken collapsed flat due to a strong uppercut of Go Mifune, 118 pounds. Ken, 116¾, fought positively as usual, but Mifune's smashing lefts often caught the target.

In a supporting tenner Tsutomu Igarashi, 111¼, defeated Takenobu Shimabukuro, 110¼, by an upset unanimous decision.

▲Rising prospect Harber Watanabe, 139½, collected another victim, as he finished Yong-Bok Kim, Korean at 136¼ in 8 one-sided rounds.

The victor's attack to the bread basket was effective enough to down Kim three times. In the eighth session Watanabe swarmed over Kim to send a barrage of punches

▲Toyama City saw Susumu Hanagata easily demolish Ernie Temple, Filipino, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten.

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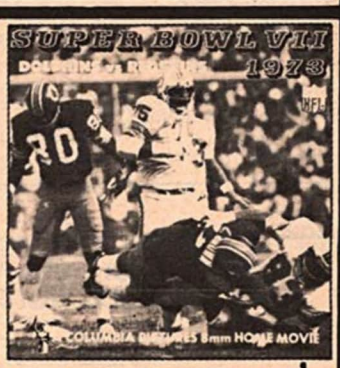

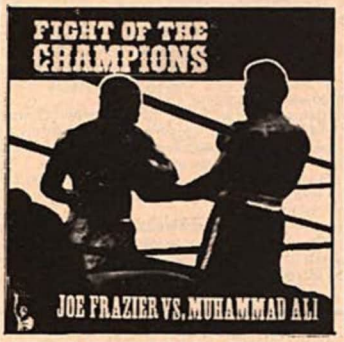

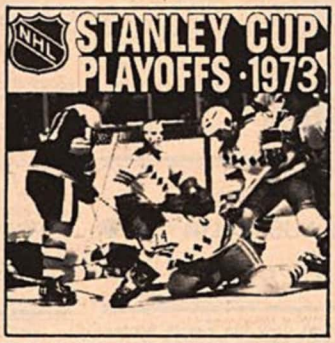

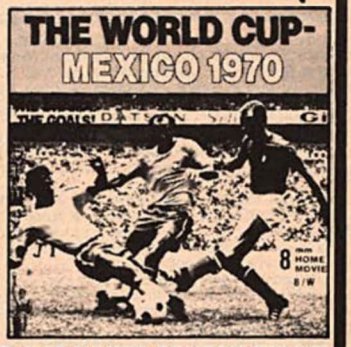

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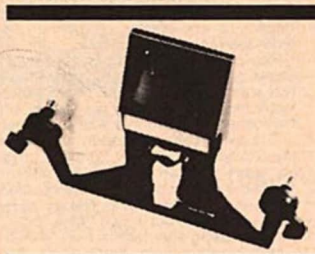

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KIES GOES LIGHT HEAVY, M. SMITH DISCOURAGES IT

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — Jan Kies, the South African middle-weight champion, ventured unsuccessfully into the light-heavy division when he was K.O.'d in five rounds by Maxie Smith of Britain. A right hand blow to the solar plexus put Kies down at the Portuguese Hall, Turffontein.

Kies was sent to the canvas twice before, he was down in the first when a left hook sent him to his knees and later in the fourth when a left to the body and three rights had Kies down.

Smith had too much savvy for Kies who was hoping to crack into the big time by bringing his jabbing left into play from the start.

Kies' best effort was in the fourth when he fought back desperately but he could not keep it up.

Smith had a reach advantage and kept at bay Kies' left hook. In the final round Smith set up his man with jabs before delivering the finisher. The count by the referee Stan Christodolou was a mere formality.

Dawie du Preez won the vacant light-heavy-weight title. Gerrie Bodenstein was disqualified for hitting du Preez while he was down.

Du Preez was down twice in the first and Bodenstein was warned for hitting his opponent when down. In the second he floored du Preez with a hard left then did the procedure again but continued punching and was ruled out.

Steve Els scored a six rounds points win over Eddie Scott, middle-weights;

Watch Gerrie Coetzee, 194, age 19, former amateur champ. He took on Chris Roos, former heavy-weight champion in his first pro-fight and won impressively over four rounds. Roos landed lefts in the first then in the second was dropped with a right hook to the mid-section. Roos was again on the canvas from a right overhand blow soon after. Coetzee, at 6 feet 4 inches—swarmed over Roos in the last round and only experience saw Roos remain on his feet.

Gert Mulder beat Jeff Ellis, disqualified for butting in second, light-heav-weights; Ray Eardley outscored Handrik Ludick, 4, middle-weights.

▲**Stanger** — Local favorite and home-town boy Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini outpointed Richard Mdhlovu over six rounds in the middle-weight division. A left hook to the jaw had Ndhlovu down in the first but Ndhlovu stormed back and retaliated with a right cross to the face. "Tap Tap" went down and was forced to take the mandatory count.

Wild swinging Ndhlovu was dropped in the second then resorted to holding, slapping and was content to see out the distance. Henry Johnson decisioned Paulos Shezi, 4, feathers; Daniel Serewe outscored Esewan Simelane, 4, middles; Amos Gumede won over Dereck Phetoe, 4, light-weights; Ivan Louw T.K.O.'d "Bull" Moola, 3, light-weights; Fred Baker T.K.O.'d Blessing Shezi, 1, feather-weights.

▲**Cape Town** — Sydney Hoho, current middle-weight champion was well outpunched by Juarez de Lima of Brazil over 10 rounds before a crowd of 3,500 at the Cape Showgrounds, Goodwood. Hoho was 10 pounds over weight and paid forfeit. His handlers claimed a damaged shoulder muscle suffered in training and he should have had a pain-killing injection before the fight but the doctor was not available. Hoho boxed poorly for a champion and was lucky to draw the seventh and eighth and used his right hand to advantage in the second. De Lima was streets ahead in class and won the unspectacular fight comparatively easy.

Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini who had beaten de Lima in Johannesburg and Joe Hali served up to the fans a thrilling 10 rounds middle-weight bout which was won by Makhathini. The crowd gave both boxers a standing ovation as in the last round they stood toe to toe throwing punches. Makhathini won because of his cleaner punching but there was not much difference in the tally at the end.

Bashew Sibaca decisioned William Matlokotsi, 8, bantam-weights; Morgan Moledi K.O.'d Charipen Mofokeng, 2, junior middle-weights; Isaac Yoto decisioned Madla Ketile, 4, light-weights; National Fly and bantam-weight title holder Chris Dlamini was beaten by unknown Gladman Koni, 4, points. Dlamini had defended his bantam title on Saturday then travelled to Cape Town to box again.

▲**Port Elizabeth** — At the Centenary Great Hall, New Brighton dual champ Chris Dlamini retained his bantam laurels by beating challenger William Molatudi on points over 12 rounds. Dlamini's win was clear but he bore battle scars at the end with face bloody and marked.

Molatudi's two fisted barrage paid dividends and Dlamini with his left working overtime was hard pressed to keep the aggressive challenger at bay. The referee, Les Muller, pulled up both fighters in the second to tell them to "fight" and the next round Dlamini with left hooks, jabs and crosses had Molatudi going backwards. Molatudi came back in the next two with fast hands and having the better in the exchanges. Dlamini was battling for all his worth but the challenger was matching him and Dlamini clinched matters with a non-stop rally from the ninth to the end of the fight, taking blows, yes, but giving of his own account to retain his title.

▲**Salisbury, Rhodesia** — Mohamed "Tar Baby" Afonso won a clear-cut 8 rounds poinys decision against S. African Johnny Britz at the Rufaro Stadium. Britz showed gameness in refusing to go down and his manager claimed that a thumb in Britz's eye in the second hampered him badly. Tar Baby was bleeding from the mouth in the first but shaded Britz with crisper punching. Britz via some telling right hand blows to the body and a hard straight left evened the score in the second but "Tar Baby" took the next two rounds proving the stronger in the in-fighting Britz scored with head blows in the fifth but finished the round with his nose bleeding.

"Tar Baby" came back with a vengeance in the sixth with two-fisted attacks and continued the onslaught until the end of the fight. Spring Killier beat Fly Zeka, points, welters; Joe Frazier K.O.'d Alberto Fix, 2, middles; Cranos Zuma decisioned Jiwa Margarine, feathers; John Fighter outscored Elias King Fisher, points, middle-weights.

▲**East London** — Showing top form Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji outclassed Rhodesian Tadios Fisher before a crowd of 6,000 over 10 rounds at the Mdantsane Stadium in a light-weight bout. Fisher was not disgraced as he went on the attack from the start but this suited "Happy Boy", a specialist in counter punching and sent his opponent back with beautifully put together combinations. Mgxaji won all the rounds.

Victor Tshabalala decisioned Griffiths Mgijima in an 8 round welter bout.

ACZEL SURPRISES CANSDELL WITH KO IN AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — Having only his eighth professional contest, former amateur light-heavyweight champion of Australia Steve Aczel, 172½, won the national professional title by knocking out defending champion Steve Cansdell, 175, in the fourth round at Blacktown.

Aczel was in command all the way with Cansdell offering little but a fighting heart.

One week earlier at the same venue Commonwealth champion Paul Ferreri, 119, was held to a draw by smart-boxing youngster Brian Roberts, 115¾,. Many in the crowd believed that Roberts did enough to win. Non-title fight. Roberts now wants Ferreri to stake both his titles—Commonwealth and Australian.

▲Ferreri fronted at Blackton again three weeks after the Roberts bout and for the third time outpointed Commonwealth and Australian flyweight champion Big Jim West. Paul can handle Jim's aggressive style. Ferreri scaled 119½, West, 118½.

▲Brian Roberts, 118, easily outpointed former amateur champion of Australia, Jimmy Slatter, 119, over ten at Marrickville. Roberts was too smart.

In an eight on the same bill Dennis Talbot, 124, another former amateur champion of Australia, outpointed fast-moving boxer Wayne Wallace, 123, in a rip-roaring fight.

▲It was a whale of a fight between Terry Fox, 161, and Shane Patrick, 157, at South Sydney, Kingsford. Patrick came out blasting at the opening bell and with his first solid punch dazed Fox who smothered, claimed and went through all the legal self-preservation actions.

Patrick threw his punches high, wide, and not so handsome, otherwise he may have finished the bout in that round. Fox survived and from the second round onwards it was obvious the contest would not last its scheduled distance, but the identity of the winner was wide open.

The two were engaged in a toe-to-toe slamming match in the fifth when a left-right from Fox scattered Patrick's senses. He didn't go down but I couldn't let him take another punch. I applied a standing count—and counted all the way to ten. At eight, eyes not focussing, Patrick slurred to me: "Let me go down fighting." But I said "nine, out". Later Patrick thanked me for looking after him

▲Australian junior-lightweight champion Billy Moeller, 132¼, met his leading contender Jimmy Bell, 129¾, over ten two-minute rounds (non-title of course) at Blacktown, and Bell won on points. Moeller was too tentative early but cut loose in the ninth round to have Bell in dire straits. Bell now wants to meet Moeller for the title. Moeller is agreeable.

In a 10-round Willie Leslie, 127¼, outpointed Wayne Wallace, 125, in a good bout.

▲Former Commonwealth featherweight champion Bobby Dunne, 126, struggled to outpoint Irish import Paddy Graham, 122¾, a pushed-up bantamweight, at Melbourne. Indeed, from outside Graham appeared a shade unlucky to lose.

Graham wants to return to Australia to challenge Paul Ferreri for the Commonwealth bantam title.

▲Another Irishman, Seamus McGahon, 139½, who is resident in Australia, turned on a slam-bang ten with Aussie Joey Collins, 138, at North Sydney. McGahon finished a shade better to gain a very close points decision from referee Jimmy Carruthers. Patrons voted it the best fight ever seen at the club.

In an eight-round support Joe Laferla, 124½, outpointed Keith Ball, 127½, in another good fight.

▲Referee George Barnes took an unusual step in rendering a disqualification decision against Laurie Cooper, 155, in a ten with John Layton, 156, at Riverwood.

Cooper was much too good, had won every round, and in the 7th Layton clung like a limpet. Cooper tried to get rid of him but Layton held hard.

Cooper then swung Layton away. Layton fell to the canvas, hitting his head hard. Barnes called the doctor who examined Layton and pronounced him unfit to continue. Barnes then disqualified Cooper for throwing.

▲South African featherweight Blakeney Matthews, 126½, a classy performer now resident in Australia, was too good for Italian import Sergio Emili, 126, a fact Emili evidently realized, for in the fourth round, after Matthews opened up, Emili went back then lay down—several seconds afte4r the last punch landed! Referee Terry Reilly immediately disqualified the Italian for going down without being hit. This was at Melbourne.

▲Former Australian light-heavyweight champion Greg McNamara, 166, had to work hard to outpoint southpaw Al Gattling, 173, over ten at Cardiff. Ref scored a margin of only one point. One judge had it to McNamara by two points, the other by four.

▲One of the biggest improvers in Australia today is Eddie Buttons, 141, at South Sydney., Kingsford, he comfortably outpointed Mark duffy, 142. Then two weeks later, scaling 143, he outpointed Binky Rominski, 141 (same club). The Rominski fight was a very good one that drew a shower. Buttons was ahead all the way from the third round but each round was fiercely contested.

▲At the Embassy Ballroom, Perth, Western Australia, Guinea Hillier, 119, of the Australian State Victoria, had too much on the ball for local Billy Edwards, 120, in the main-event ten. Referee Dinny Heaney called a halt in round six when Edwards received a cut eye, but even without theso Billy may have been stopped. Hillier was too experienced.

▲Former amateur champion Mick O'Brien, 128, of Western Australia, came east recently, and at Blacktown he scored a comfortable points win over Willie Leslie, 128, another former Australian amateur champion, over ten.

▲At Kingsford, n.s.w. State junior-welter champ Jade Emerald, 143, gained a clear-cut points decision over Speedie Duke, 140 but it was not an exciting fight. Indeed, it was untidy.

▲At Brookvale, Eric King, 146, knocked out Glen Maybury, 148, in the sixth round. It was a good fight and the finishing blow came out of the blue.

▲Australian and Commonwealth Junior-middleweight Champion Charkey Ramon is sidelined with a broken shoulder, sustained in a freak accident. This is the second time he has broken his shoulder in the past nine months.

ACOSTA UPSETS LENNOX BECKLES IN GUYANA

By ALLEN MANN

Georgetown, Guyana—Welterweight Champ 31-year-old Lennox Beckles (140) had his string of consecutive victories snapped at six by hard punching and unorthodox 24 year old Luis Lara Acosta (147), No. 2 welterweight frmom neighboring Venezuela, in ten (10) rounds.

Beckles, surprisingly not in prime condition, had few answers for the rugged switch hitting Acosta who concentrated on a relentless two fisted body attack to wear Beckles down, flooring him for a seven in round 2, enroute to a confident majority decision.

Acosta's dominance of the fight apart, surprise of the night, was the score card of Referee Hanniff, (47-47), working his first international fight. He must have had some other mystical fight engaging his attention. Judges Brown (48-42) and Gibson (49-40) scored more accurately for Acosta.

Beckles is now 41-9-1 and Acosta a respectable 25-1-0.

In a one sided 10 round semi, well conditioned fast stepping Lennox Blackmore (132) laid claim to being uncrowned lightweight champ of the Republic, by using a fast left jab and snappy, effective combinations to open a cut alongside "Tiger Green's" (132) left optic in round 2. Thereafter he pound out a lopsided, unanimous decision over his outgunned opponent.

In two 4 round prelims, Smith (132) bt., Quintin (128) on pts., Thomas (167) outscored Mentis (172).

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ACTION IN EUROPE

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nan, lightweight, Jose Jiminez, feather, and Joe Bugner, heavyweight, has come under heavy fire by some countries, in particular, Great Britain, holder of five of the 11 titles.

In some cases it would seem that a challenger has been named for the sake of making a championship bout with the challenger having little or no chance of victory.

If the champion of a division has no worthy challenger, who has the right to make a match for which promoters have little interest and the public even less, leaving the fighters to box for peanuts. Gratien Tonna deserves his chance against Finnegan and once this over the Austrian, Franz Csandl, should be nominated unless of course the Austrian goes after Jose Duran's junior middleweight crown.

Leonard Tavaraz has been beaten by Briton, Jim Watt, who gave Ken Buchanan a close call and this suggests a return between Buchanan and Watt for the title.

Briton Evan Armstrong would get my vote to face Jose Jiminez and not Contena. Rocky Campbell has stopped both Dante Cane and Jose Urtain, Billy Aird has a win over Campbell and has drawn with German heavyweight champion Bernd August.

This suggests that Campbell or Aird would be more suited to face Joe Bugner for the heavyweight crown than Dante Cane. Briton Pat McCormack should be one of those selected to fight for Perico Fernandez's vacated junior welterweight crown. With John Conteh winning the world's light heavyweight title he will vacate his European crown leaving German Karl Heinz Klein to face Italian Domenico Adinolfi.

AUSTRIA

▲**Zeltweg** — Four thousand saw promoter Willi Zeller's show which featured Johann Orsolics, Austria, against Frenchman Daniel Martin, in the main event. A left hook felled Martin and the fight was brought to a close in round three Franz Csandl, won his 15th fight without defeat, outscoring Manuel Gonzalez over ten rounds. Junior welterweight Jaroslav Travnik, Austria, outscored Eric Seys, Belgium, six. Newboy, Josef Fleischmann, Austria, decisioned Steeland, four. Middleweight,. Ruzovits, Austria, beat Kammerhofer, TKO4.

SPAIN

▲**Madrid** — Lightweight. Manuel Masso beat Frank Rielinho, KO1. Featherweight. Nino Jiminez outscored Isidoro Cabezas, eight. Angel Guinaldo beat Antonio Rejon, who was disqualified in the seventh.

▲**Mataro** — Bantamweight. Bob Allotey decisioned Antonio Tenza, eight.

▲**Madrid** — In a bout for Perico Fernandez's vacated Spanish lightweight title Jeronimo Lucas outscored Fernando Sanchez, 12. Lightweight. Miguel Velazquez beat Toni Navarro, TKO7. Junior middleweight. Alfonso Fernandez beat Epifanio Collado, TKO5.

▲**Almeria** — Miguel Molleda lost his Spanish junior lightweight being outscored by Manuel Alcala, twelve.

▲**Madrid** — Welterweight. Mimoun Mohatar decisioned Frank Medina, eight. Bantamweight. Mariano Garcia outscored Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Mataro** — Bantamweight. Valeriano Morales outpointed Pedro De La Torre, eight.

▲**La Coruna** — Jose Gonzalez Dopico held on to his Spanish welterweight title outscoring Dum Dum Pachecho, twelve.

▲**La Llagosta** — Heavyweight. Antonio Puente outpointed Alejandro Cardoso, Portugal, eight.

▲**Madrid** — 31 year-old Bob Allotey, Spain, won Johnny Clark's vacated European bantamweight crown outpointing Frenchman, Guy Caudron over 15 rounds. Scoring in favor of Allotey was very close, 149-148. 148-147, 145-144. The Frenchman's manager, Jose Jover said his man injured his wrist in round three which prevented him from using his right. 28 year-old Caudron was decked by a left hook in round five for a mandatory count of eight.

FRANCE

▲**Rouen** — Junior middleweight. Oscar Ilunga decisioned Joel LeGuern, ten.

▲**Toulon** — Welterweight. Alain Roucco decisioned Homahez Mechilia, eight.

▲**St. Nazaire** — Christian Poncelet retained his French light heavyweight title halting Claude Capitolin in ten.

▲**St. Nazaire** — French light heavyweight champion, Christian Poncelet, retained his title beating Jean Claude Capitolin who retired in round ten. Welterweight. Germain Lemaitre outpointed Luciano DeLuca, ten.

▲**Soissons** — Lightweight. Ray Dauteuille outpointed Ernesto Miranda, ten.

ITALY

▲**Turin** — 36 year-old, Domenico Tiberia, won the Italian middle weight crown, outpointing Sauro Soprani, over 12 rounds. Bruno Freshi won the Italian junior welterweight title beating Ernesto Bergamasco in two rounds.

▲**Brescia** — Italian bantamweight champion, Ambrogio Mariani, retained his title drawing with Salvatore Fabrizio, twelve. Junior lightweight. Natale Vezzoli outpointed Giovanni Cabazzini, eight.

▲**Cremona** — Heavyweight. Benito Penna beat Gino Martinis, who was disqualified in round five.

▲**Sestri** — Italian light heavyweight champion, Aldo Traversaro, held on to his title beating Ennio Commetti, TKO 10. Junior middleweight. Aldo Bentini drew his eight rounder with Jose Duran, Argentina. Featherweight. Jose Sanchez, Argentina, decisioned Abu Arrow, Nigeria, eight.

▲**Chiari** — Welterweight. Antonio Chiodoni beat Sreco Weiner, Yugoslavia, KO3.

▲**Taranto** — Vincenzo Quero outpointed Renzo Battistelli, eight.

▲**Gallipoli** — Rocco Zecca beat Paolo Russo, five.

▲**St. Felice** — Italian junior lightweight champion, Giovanni Girgenti retained his title drawing with Mario Sanna, twelve. Junior welterweight. Tomasso Marocco beat Giampiero Mereu, TKO2.

▲**Alghero** — Flyweight. Angelo Spano outpointed Luigi Paravati, eight.

▲**Bellaria** — Lightweight. Rosario Sanna beat Augusto Quadri, TKO7. Welterweight. Italo Ventin beat Duranti, KO3.

▲**Tremosine** — Welterweight. Luciano Borraccia outscored Adriano Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Priverno** — Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Carbonara outscored Romano Fanali eight.

▲**Milan** — Junior welterweight. Antonio Chiodoni beat Raul Venerdini, Argentina, who was disqualified in round one. Nicola Sassanelli outpointed Luciano Borraccia, eight. Lightweight. Giancarlo Usai beat Gerardo Esposito who was disqualified in round five.

▲**Viareggio** — Lightweight Mario Redi outscored Nedo Fabbri, eight.

▲**Rome** — Perico Fernandez, Spain, outpointed Lion Furuyama, Japan, 15 to win the vacant WBC light welterweight crown. Heavyweight. Oscar Bonavena beat Bobby Mashburn, KO2. Light heavyweight. Dominico Adinolfi beat Sergio Janili TKO7. Featherweight. Michele Siracussa outpointed Rodolfo Sanchez, Spain, eight. Middleweight. Angelo Iacopucci outscored Walter Guernieri, eight. Heavyweight. Amedeo Laureti beat Benito Escriche, Spain, KO2.

▲**Forli** — Domenico Tiberia won the vacant Italian middleweight title outpointing Sauro Soprani, twelve.

▲**Pordenone** — Heavyweight. Bepi Ros outscored Mongol Ortiz, eight. Bantamweight. Fernando Atzori drew with Franco Petrozzi, eight.

▲**Cefalu** — Featherweight. Elio Cotena outpointed Paul Ikumpayi, eight. Lightweight. Piero Meraviglia beat Giancario Usai, who was disqualified in frame seven.

▲**Viareggio** — European junior welterweight champion, Perico Fernandez, Spain, held on to his crown beating Piero Ceru, Italy, TKO2. Welterweight. Eddie Blay, Ghana, drew his ten rounder with Salem Quedrago, Ivory Coast.

▲**Lesa** — Junior lightweight. Mario Redi outpointed Paul Ikumpayi, eight.

▲**Erice** — Junior lightweight. Giovanni Girgenti decisioned Carlo Frasinetti, ten.

▲**Civitanova** — Featherweight. Sergio Emili beat Amleto Restano, KO2.

▲**Alghero** — Italian welterweight champion, Domenico DiJorio, drew with Marco Scano 12 rounds and retained his title. Flyweight. Emilio Pireddu outpointed Heriberto Mascarell, Brazil, ten. Lightweight. Efisio Pinna and Santino Reali drew their eight framer. Featherweight. Giuliano Lai outpointed Arrow Abu, eight. Bantamweight. Helenio Ferrera, Brazil, beat Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa, Spain, TKO4.

▲**Rapallo** — Italian light heavyweight champion, Aldo Traversaro, retained his crown beating Mario Almanzo, TKO5. Featherweight. Michele Siracussa decisioned Abu Arrow, Nigeria, eight. Elio Cotena outscored Paul Ikumapayi, eight.

▲**Cremona** — Heavyweight. Benito Penna beat Ugo Dipietro who retired with a cut eye in round four.

▲**Foligno** — Enzo Pizzoni won the Italian lightweight title outpointing champion, Ugo Dipietro, twelve.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagan** — 29 year-old Tom Bogs, Denmark, beat German Peter Tombers in four rounds. Bogs, who visited the canvas in round two, decked the German in the fourth. Taking a second count the fight was stopped. Poul Knudsen, Denmark, beat Charlie Small in the third. In their first meeting Small beat the Dane in one round. Welterweight. Dick Tiger, Kenya, decisioned Adriano Rodriguez, Brazil. Light heavyweight. Tom Jensen, Denmark, beat Danny Fontilio (GB), TKO5. Welterweight. Laurits Jensen, Denmark, beat Pat McCormack (GB), KO2.

HOLLAND

▲**Rotterdam** — Light heavyweight. Hal Carroll, USA, decisioned Rudi Lubbers, Holland, ten. Heavyweight. Henny Thoonen, Holland, beat Ferenc Kriztofack, Austria, TKO3. Sjeng Verstappen, Holland, decisioned Arno Prick, Germany, four. Bert Nikkelen Kuyper decisioned Jean Belval, France, six. Welterweight. James Vrij beat Franz Meganck, Belgium, three rounds.

▲**Amsterdam** — Leo Kakolewicz, Germany, beat Joop Verstappen, KO3. Bernd August, German heavyweight champion, beat Jan Lubbers, Holland, TKO2. Rudi Lubbers, Holland, beat Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, who was disqualified in round three.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, retained his junior lightweight of Europe outpointing Italian, Giovanni Girgenti, Italy, over 15 rounds. Rounds 12 and 13 were good ones for the Italian but he could not wipe out the lead of Paulsen.

GRIFFITH REDUCES BRISCOE TO A PUSSYCAT IN MILD BOUT

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Five-time world champion Emile Griffith decisioned local favorite Bennie Briscoe in a battle of world ranking contenders at the Spectrum. Despite great expectations the bout turned out to be rather mild. In fact Griffith had an easy time of it.

Briscoe showed nothing of the famed attack that had struck fear in the hearts of so many opponents in the past. His jab was just a poke and his famous body wacks mere pushes. The right hand that had laid Tony Muntline low as recently as this past February had lost all it's kick.

Griffith on the other hand, gave a masterful display of boxing. His punches never hurt the Philadelphian but they piled up those all important points.

Briscoe managed to trap Emile along the ropes in the fourth and again in the eighth but could do nothing. He had no pep, no drive.

From the mid-way point on, it was clear that Griffith was in complete command. He outjabbed Bennie at long range and had more muscle on the inside.

The official decision was split. Judge Earl Vann scoring a ridiculous 45-45 draw. The other two votes went to Griffith who deserved a unanimous nod for his complete domination of the match.

Briscoe's loss was a big disappointment for the 8,519 fans who paid $54,000 to watch. Trainer Quenzell McCall hinted that Bennie's long and distinguished career may soon come to an end.

Both boxers weighed an even 160 pounds. Griffith's record now reads 80-16-2 with 22 KO's, while Briscoe is 49-14-2 with 42 knockouts.

Philadelphian Perry "Li'l" Abner, 157, and southpaw Bruce Cantrell, 153, stole the show with a sensational slugging match. In the first round Cantrell timed an Abner rush perfectly and dropped him with a right-left combo flush on the jaw. Abner, who was making his first start in seven months, beat the count and was punching back at the bell.

The next four rounds were nothing but exciting give and take action. Abner kept digging away with his heavy left hook while Cantrell fired back with one-two's down the slot.

A sweeping left hook lifted Bruce off his feet and onto his back mid-way into the sixth. He got up but Perry was pounding away without return when referee Hank Cisco stepped in moments later. The fans stood on their chairs to cheer this one.

Steve Smith, 160, now based in North Philly, was extended 8 long rounds by slippery veteran Nick Peoples, 157, from Colombus, Ohio.

Smith, who fought in Japan under the name of Flasher Ishibashi wile serving in the United States Air Force, garnered the decision but was not impressive.

Prospects Alfonso Evans, 127, and Bob "Paycheck" Payton, 160, remained unbeaten. Evans chased Ernest Bing, 129, to win one of the sixers. Payton painted up Tyrone Freeman, 159, in the other.

Norman Farrell, 147, looked good stopping James Phoenix, 149, in five and Ron Branch, 134, destroyed easy mark Billy Moore, 143, in one.

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George Anderson, 141½, St. Paul (3-0-1) stole the show as he stopped Mike Gephart, 140, Lakeville (5-2-0) in the second round. Anderson has loads of talent and should go far.

Doug Demmings, 165, Minneapolis (8-1-0) outpointed George Jacobs, 163½, Akron, Ohio, in six rounds.

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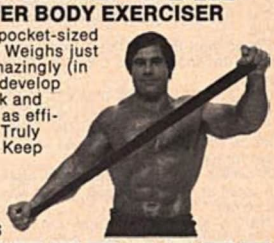

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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Meade, Jamaica-born heavyweight living in Sweansea, 217½, over six by 59½-58½, but referee Doug Jenkin's verdict wasn't popular with everyone.

A disappointing result for debutant Meade, who won the British amateur heavyweight title earlier this year. He took the fight to his opponent, scored with hooks and swings, and Mikulski was content to wait and counter.

Another former British amateur champion, Tommy Dunn, Reading, 134, kept his unbeaten pro record by outscoring Yotham Kunda, Zambia's representative in the Munich Olympics, 143½, over six by 60-58½.

Kunda is living in Swansea, but although showing plenty of willingness, was no match for the busy Dunn, either in skill or speed.

▲Bedfordshire Sporting Club — Unbeaten Carl Hazlewood, Bedford, 126½, kept his record by outpointing Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 127¾, by 79½-77½ over eight.

It was a conclusive and convincing victory for Hazlewood, who kept on the move, jabbed well and frequently with his accurate left, and occasionally troubled Tuohey with rights to the body.

Tony Moore, Batteesea, 201, and Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 202, drew nobbins from an appreciative house, with Moore taking the six-rounds points verdict by 59-58½.

Fenton concentrated on the body, while Moore preferred it at long range. A good fight to watch.

Dave Coombs, Northwich, 140, beat Barton McAllister, Tooting, 139¾, in unusual fashion. In the third Coombs landed a left hook that floored his opponent.

McAllister fell face downwards, with his right leg in the air.

Referee Benny Caplan commenced the count, but wisely stopped it so that the fallen boxer could have quick medical attention. McAllister was able to leave the ring after a couple of minutes.

Well done, Benny. Older fans will remember his memorable draw with world featherweight champion Freddie Miller.

Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 207, floored substitute Barry Clough, Stoke, 197¾, three times before the bout was stopped in the third.

Paul Stocks, Sheffield, 160, drew with Tony Lacruz, Brixton, 158, over six "twos." Two newcomers (La Cruz one fight, Stocks' debut), they provided plenty of action.

▲Mayfair Suite, Birmingham — After ten years in Britain, Antiguan-born Rocky Campbell Leicester, 202¼, has won his first title, the vacant Midlands Area heavyweight crown, by outpointing Dave Roden, Birmingham, 195, over ten. Score 99-96.

Roden was decked three times and cut over the left eye. Two of the knockdowns came in the third round, the other in the eighth.

Both started fast, and plenty of blows were exchanged, like in the third, when they stood toe-to-toe and punched it out.

A right to the body from Roden landed at the same time as a left to the jaw from Campbell, and it was Roden who went down for eight.

A similar punch put him down again, the bell interrupting the count at six, whereupon Roden was able to rise and go to his corner.

Half a stone advantage isn't a great deal between heavyweights, but it was noticeable thtat Campbell was punching harder than his opponent, who was quick to move out of range whenever Rocky unleashed his big guns.

There were one or two rounds in the middle of the contest when Roden showed up well, and one or two occasions when Campbell looked a little weary. But after the knockdown in the eighth Rocky looked in control, and overcame a late rally by Roden, in which the latter had eventually to hold on.

Campbell now seeks a British title fight, and after years of frustration, is now finding that life begins at 30.

Steve Walker, won an all-Birmingham cruiserweight clash by beating Tony Allen, who was ruled out for alleged reckless use of the head in the fifth.

Allen was warned on several occasions, and both were told to cut out the mauling at the beginning of what was to be the final session.

After a lay-off of some three and a half years, Clarence Cassius, Willesden, 166¾, came back to outscore Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 171½, over six by 59-58½.

Baggott came forward the whole time, but this suited Cassius, who was able to pick him off with accurate counters.

Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 195, kayoed Dave Parris, Tottenham, 190, in two with a right to the chin.

Unbeaten Tony Moore, Battersea, 191, stopped Derek Simpkin, Leicester, 198, in five after the latter had been decked three times.

▲Southampton Guildhall — Les McGowan, Liverpool, 190, stopped Sid Paddock, Southampton, 199½, in seven after the latter got an injured left eye.

Their previous bout was a draw, and this one looked like going the same way.

Paddock's swollen left eye came in the fifth, and it was a good crowd-pleaser. Such a pity the injury caused a stoppage with just one round left.

Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 156½, avenged his brother's defeat by outscoring Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 156, over six by 59½-59.

A fine display of boxing by the 18-year-old Paddock, but Evans never stopped trying.

Bob Murphy, Manchester, 162, outpointed Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 162, by 60-59½ over six. It was Tompkins' first defeat.

There was plenty of action, and Tompkins showed he was not prepared to surrender his record lightly. It was probably Murphy's fast finish that swayed the issue.

Mike Cottingham, Lymington, 180½, stopped Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 176, the referee intervening because of the latter's injured eye.

Nothing between them until Pat got his injured eyebrow in the third, after which this proved too great handicap.

Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 135, stopped Charlie Wallace, Ghana, 135½, in five, the referee intervening with Wallace on the receiving end. After a slow start Evans turned it on in rounds four and five.

▲St. Andrew's Sporting Club, Glasgow — Weighing almost on the featherweight limit, Scottish bantamweight champion John Kellie, Livingstone, 125, was held to a draw over eight by Billy Hardacre, Liverpool, 128½, who holds the Central Area lightweight title, although a normal featherweight.

Kellie cauxesed an early shock when he floored his man for eight in the second round, and at the half-way stage looked appreciably in front.

But now it was Hardcare's turn. He shrugged off Kellie's neat left jabs which had been causing him so much trouble and started to land a series of right crosses, beating his opponent to the punch time and again.

Kellie was down briefly in the seventh, seemed to have slowed, and Hardacre forced it all through the last couple of rounds to earn his draw. The Scot had a slight nick under the left eye, but it didn't trouble him.

Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 153, stopped Jimmy Devanney, Bradford, 152, in three, the latter sustaining a cut over the left eye.

A hectic battle while it lasted, and Simpson was the first to be injured when the bridge of his nose was cut in the opening session. But after several close-quarter exchanges Devanney's eye was injured, and that was that.

A successful start by debutant Hugh Smith, Airdrie, 138½, who beat Tommy Naylor, Liverpool, 139, the latter retiring at the end of the third.

And another fine debut by Steve Enwright, Bradford, 125½, who comfortably outscored Ray Scott, Liverpool, 129½, over six "twos" by 60-58½.

▲Reading Town Hall — A young heavyweight with a punch is a rarity these days, but it could be interesting to watch the progress of Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 210¼, who made it seven wins in a row this year, all inside the distance, by beating Vasco Fausthino, Brazil, 213, who retired at the end of the third round.

What made Neilson's win even more impressive was the fact that nine months previously Fausthino had stopped him in two rounds.

Fausthino had apparently forgotten that he had beaten Neikson so conclusively before, for in the opening session he made little attempt to do anything positive.

Instead he concentrated wholly and solely on defence, and you don't win fights that way.

No wonder that the fans jeered, and referee Sid Nathan had a word with him at the end of the round. It made no difference.

Neilson must have been wondering what it was all about. His jabs were exploratory, waiting until Fausthino made his move. The Brazilian never did. So Eddie went into the attack in deadly earnest, pushing a way through his oppone Neilson must have been wondering what it was all about. His jabs were exploratory, waiting until Fausthino made his move. The Brazilian never did. So Eddie went into the attack in deadly earnest, prising a way through his opponent's guards with hooks and uppercuts.

Apart from a brief moment when Fausthino decided to cut loose and attack, without method or direction, it was all Neilson. The Brazilian, gloves held in front of his face, elbows tucked into his chest, was just not interested.

Neilson was throwing his right with impunity now. With Fausthino still not fighting back, it was only a matter of time before the latter decided he had taken enough. He didn't go down, but at the end of the third walked towards his opponent's corner.

As soon as it had been established that he had retired, referee Nathan signified that Neilson was the winner.

It was afterwards discovered that Fausthino had been suffering from internal bleeding from a perforated left eardrum, but this alone did not excuse his refusal to fight from the opening bell.

The fact that he was nearly half a stone heavier than in their previous fight obviously had something to do with it, but after this performance it may be a long time before Vasco is invited back. It just isn't fair on the spectators.

However, this wasn't Neilson's fault, and he's obviously one to watch. Managed by Welshman Mac Williams, whom I have known and respected for many years, he could have an exciting career. Eddie is 24, and has lost only three of his 22 bouts.

The West Indian influence is very strong in British rings these days, and a couple of talented Jamaicans put up a cracking fight, in which Henry Rhiney, Luton, 150, outpointed Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 149¼, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½.

An excellent display of the Noble Art by Rhiney, a smooth mover and a quick counter-puncher. After being behind at mid-fight Francis made his effort, and succeeded in pulling back some of the leeway by increasing his work-rate, and keeping up a constant pressure.

However, although the final margin was a small one, Rhiney always had his nose in front, and was good value for his win.

Carl Speare, Liverpool, 162½, stopped Billy Brooks, Kilburn, 168, in four. There were no knockdowns, and Brooks revealed plenty of pluck. The inexperienced Speare took a couple of rounds to size up the opposition. After that it was mainly one-way traffic.

"No Contests" ar3e rare, but we had one when referee Mike Jacobs disqualified Tommy Dunn, Reading, 134¼, and opponent Yotham Kunda, Zambia, 142, in the third for "persistent refusal to break."

This action followed a number of warnings to both men which they did not heed.

A couple of newcomers, Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 149¾, and Les Wint, Tottenham, 146½, battled six rounds to a draw. The fans enjoyed this one.

▲National Sporting Club, London — A Scot and a Welshman came to England and their eight-rounds clash ended in a draw when Welsh featherweight champion Colin Miles, Cardiff, 126¾, shared honours with George McKay, Edinburgh, 128½.

Actually McKay has settled in London, and thus seemed very much at home during the first half of the bout. But when Miles had got "acclimatised" he came back strongly, and a draw seemed a fair result.

McKay was off to a cracking start, using the ring well and punching crisply. But he slowed from the fifth onwards, and Miles was able to get in close and pound away to the body.

Victor Attivor, Earls Court, 175½, stopped Peter Brisland, Southampton, 171½, in the seventh, flooring him twice in that round with hard rights.

Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 129½, halted Neil Gauci, Cardiff, 127¾, in the sixth and final round, after flooring him for three.

Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, outscored Steve Foley, Bedford, 187½, over eight "twos" by 79½-78½. Blackburn's victory was as clear-cut as the scoreline suggests, and he was superior in all phases, in spite of Foley's aggressive tactics.

▲Premier Ring Sporting Club, London — Southpaw, Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 148, used the ring nfor good effect in outscoring Liam White, Wells, 147, over eight by 80-78, which is a large margin, and indicates that Joyce did not lose a round.

White came forward the whole time, with Joyce countering and moving well on the retreat. White just couldn't seem to either block, parry, or dodge his opponent's right jab, but he did come into his own in the middle rounds with a couple of hefty rights that slowed his opponent momentarily.

Joyce never neglected his boxing, even when pressurised, and was in control in the final session. White finished with a nose-bleed.

Fifth win in a row for Tony Moore, Battersea, 190, who outscored David Fry, Bournemouth, 197, over six "twos" by 60-58. Moore showed up well, decking his man in the second, and punching effectively with both hands.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London— George Turpin, Liverpool, 128½, gained his sixth win in succession by outpointing Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 127, by 79½-78 over eight fast rounds.

Turpin had one or two nasty moments before establishing his superiority. He took a right on the chin in the third, but fought his way out of trouble., and finished well on top in the three final rounds.

Wright's best work was in making his opponent miss and keeping out of trouble, but Turpin deserved his victory for working and punching harder.

Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster had a wide points margin over Dave Coombs, 60-57 over eight. A bit hard on Coombs, but there can be no denying Pickersgill's superiority.

Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 140, defeated debutant John Sagar, Barmsley, 143, on points over six by 59½-57½. In spite of warnings for hitting with the inside of the glove, Kirk deserved his win, with Sagar showing promise.

Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 155, stopped Dennis Brannigan, Middlesbrough, 156, in four, with Brannigan being outpunched.

▲Great International Sportsmens Club, Nottingham — Tony Poole, Kettering, 148½, attacked throughout to beat George Salmon, Halifax, 149½, over eight by 79-77½.

Try as he may, Salmon could not match his opponent for aggression or speed of punch.

Another who won by sheer aggression was Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 156, who outscored John Laine, Grimsby, 158, over six by 59½-58½.

Dick Goodman, Kettering, 135, stopped John Sagar, Barnsley, 138, in the sixth and final round. Goodman survived a first round knockdown to floor Sagar twice in the final session.

Harry White, Northampton, 175, stopped Len Britton, Doncaster, 177, in the third when the latter was cut over the right eye. Both were making their pro debuts.

▲Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Kenny Webber, Manchester, 146½, drew with Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 146¾, over ten rounds.

This contest was described as an "unofficial" eliminator for the British welterweight title, both men entering the ring inside the limit of 147.

Regrettably it decided nothing because of the drawn verdict, but there were many who believed Thomas deserved to win.

There were frequent warnings by referee Frank Parkes, himself a fine lightweight a couple of decades ago.

Webber provided most of the initial action, but Thomas stood up to this in good style, and then took the fight to his man, proving the busier of the two. Pat's left-hand work was especially effective, and he worked for three minutes of every round, whereas Webber allowed himself little "breathers" from time to time.

Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 132¾, became the new Midlands Area lightweight champion by outpointing Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 132, over ten by 98-97½.

A close one, with Holdcroft boxing confidently in the early stages. Belnavis kept pressing, and was rewarded in the sixth when he caught his man with a good left to the face.

Holdcroft ran into further trouble in the following session, when he was cut on the left eyelid, and Belnavis put in an effective rally to just get the verdict.

Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 137, kayoed Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 136, in the sixth and final round after flooring him in the third.

Debutant Randy Barrett, Wolverhampton, 165, outscored Paul Stocks, Sheffied, 161, over six by 59½-58½.

▲Cliffs Pavilion, Southend — Dave Ward, Manchester, 140, improving with every bout, outscored Gary Dunks, Stepney, over eight by 79½-78½.

It was Dunks' first pro defeat, and he certainly tried hard enough to keep his record. But Ward jabbed neatly and used

his speed to keep out of trouble as Dunks tried to bring his big guns into action without always succeeding.

Peter Blake, Southend, 153, came back after nearly twelve months inactivity to outpoint Keith Nugent, Stoke, 150, over eight by 79½-78½.

Blake showed little ring-rustiness, and his punches were cleaner and more accurate. Nugent kept working, and had one good moment in the sixth, when he got home with a body attack. But Blake was only momentarily in trouble and, and deserved his victory.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Bey, 124, Chicago, KO over Mario Chavez, 122, Los Angeles, (2).

▲**Richmond** — Tough Rudy Robles, 161, Los Angeles, gave Felton Marshall, 158½, a good going over, winning by a knockout in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Richmond Auditorium.

In a co feature ten, James Marshall, 156, the younger brother of Felton, was a quick two round KO victor over Joe Gonzalez, 156, Oakland.

Tom Evans, 180, Oakland, KO over Sam Wilson, 186, San Francisco, (2); Terry Allen, 123, Oakland, KO over Ruben Coria, 127, Los Angeles, (2).

▲**Crescent City** — The pint-sized city in Northern California played host to 78 folks who paid $390 to see local boy Roger Buckskin, 152, take a 10-round decision from Tommy Howard, 154, Seattle.

In the only other pro bout, Indian Dave Kibby, 133, Eureka, nodded Fidel Valenzuela, 135, Mexico, in ten rounds.

▲**Los Angeles** — Slick Frankie Duarte, 121, Los Angeles, continued in the unbeaten class, halting Tanny Amancio, 121, Cebu City, P.I., in the fifth round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Duarte was in command from the first round on and Amancio just didn't have the power to hold off his hard hitting foe.

Armando Cordova, 136, East Los Angeles, was too busy for Memo Gonzales, 135½, Mexico, winning a six round decision in the semifinal.

Young Cassanova, 119½, Mexico, dec. over Gaspar Montejo, 119½, Los Angeles, (4); Roy Hollis, 161, Los Angeles, and Hiva Sekona, 160½, Hawaii, draw (6).

▲**San Diego** — Well seasoned Jose Martin Flores, 162, Sonora, Mexico, knew too much for young Mike Avans, 157, Phoenix, at the Coliseum. Flores got off in front and stayed there.

Claude Durden, 135, Los Angeles, finished off Tommy Nava, 133, in less than a round in the scheduled six round semifinal.

Abdul Bey, 125¾, Chicago, dec. over Oscar Ortiz, 125, San Diego, (6); Jerry Robinson, 137½, San Diego, dec. over Julio Lopez, 137, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**Richmond** — Detroit's Tommy Hannah, 160, used a polished left hand to educate Mario Marquez, 161, Ensenada, Mexico, in the finer points of ring generalship.

Hannah, who is managed by recording star Marvin Gaye, was a rather easy 10 round winner.

Tommy Evans, 178, Oakland, KO over Charles (Budda) Brooks, 178, Los Angeles, (3); Ruben Coria, 126, Los Angeles, and Miguel Meza, 125½, Mexico, drew (6); Johnny Pinedo, 149, Modesto, KO over James Jackson, 148, Los Angeles, (2).

▲**San Diego** — Renato Garcia, 158, Santiago, Chile, made it two in a row, beating Chucho Garcia, 157½, Sonora, Mexico, in an exciting fast paced 10-round at the Coliseum.

Javier Muniz, 138, East Los Angeles, looked sharp in knocking out Renaldo Victoria, 136, Mexico, in the second round of their scheduled six rounder.

Carlos Tijerina, 173½, San Diego, KO over Chuck Zeller, 172, Los Angeles, (1); Gerald Robinson, 142, San Diego, dec. over Marc Thomas, 146, Los Angeles, (5).

The gate was $4,277.

▲**Los Angeles** — Bobby Hernandez earned the 10-round decision over Centavito Hernandez of Mexico, but ended up in the hospital following the hard fought bout.

After his hand was raised, Hernandez felt dizzy and club physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz sent him to California hospital for observation. Bobby was released two days later with no ill effects.

It was a bruising fight with Hernandez taking a few too many head punches, though he had an edge in seven out of the ten rounds.

Hernandez, from Los Angeles, weighed 135½,; Centavito, 136.

Yosh Shikauchi, 123½, Tokyo, dec. over Miguel Meza, 125, Los Angeles, (6); Armando Cordova, 136, Los Angeles, and Victor de la Cruz, 134, draw (6); Jose Del Rio Flores, 119½, Los Angeles, KO over Freddie Gonzalez, 120, Los Angeles, (2).

▲**San Diego** — Underdog Mike Mayon, 136, San Diego, finished strong in the last two rounds to capture a split 10 round decision over top rated Jimmy Heair, 136½.

Heair, a 3-1 choice, just didn't have the sting in his punches. Mayon took Jimmy's best shots and came on with a furious rally to win it.

The fight was a sellout with a $9,100 gate.

▲**Los Angeles** — Irish Randy Shields breezed to an easy 10 round decision over Dave Kibby, a full-blooded Indian from Smith River, Calif., at the Olympic Auditorium.

Shields, 135, North Hollywood, took every round as he sped to his 15 consecutive victory. It also was his second triumph over Kibby.

Managed by his father, ex-boxer and movie stuntman, Sonny Shields, 19-year-old Randy has shown marked improvement in recent months.

Young Cassanova, 117, Mexicali, and Antonio Sanchez, 116¼, Los Angeles, technical draw (4); Mario Rogelio, 114, and Kiyoshi Takaizumi, 116, Tokyo, draw (4).

▲**San Diego** — Making his first effort since losing to Rodolfo Gonzalez in a WBC lightweight title bout in 1973, Los Angeles' Ruben Navarro, 138, started his comeback against Bobby Jordan at the Coliseum.

Navarro was in charge in seven of the ten rounds and collected a unanimous decision. Jordan, from San Francisco, weighed 141.

Kit Boursse, 204, North Hollywood, dec. over Sam Wilson, 188, San Diego, (6); Tommy Nava, 133, San Diego, and Manuel Castillo, 126, National City, drew (6); Fred Gilbert, 157½, Los Angeles, KO over Mike Hickman, 156, San Diego, (3).

HUCKABY UPSETS BUTLER IN CONNECTICUT TEN

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

West Hartford, Conn. — In what many thought was a set-up for New England welterweight champion Larry Butler of Portland, Maine, proved different as the kid from the other side of the tracks, Dave Huckaby, 147, of Enfield, upset Larry in ten exciting rounds.

For Butler, it was his third loss in 24 professional bouts. For Huckaby, it may be the beginning of a new life, and a shot at the New England Championship. Promoter Manny Leibert most certainly will match both fighters again soon.

Butler, for some reason, didn't fight sas he usually does, and foolishly tried to slug it out instead of using his "fancy Dan" stuff.

Huckaby instinctively knew what to do. Gratefully, the many fans on hand climbed aboard Dave's bandwagon to help him in his quest for a new and better life.

In other results:

Roberto Medina, 135 of Brocton, Mass., won over Jose Ortiz, 132 of Lowell, as he failed, or refused, to get up after a knockdown; Dana McCarthy 165 of Bristol beat Jerry Caballero 165½, a New York City trial horse, in four wild rounds; 155-pound Jessie Bender, a stablemate of Huckaby's, looked just like him as he narrowly decisioned clowning Cove Green 157 of Bridgeport; Donnie Nelson, 137, of Hartford, continued his winning ways with a 1-12 TKO over Frank Maldonado, 132 of Lowell, Mass. in the second round of another scheduled four.

Jeff Homes, 147 pound prospect handled by Bobby Gleason of New York, TKO'd Jose Pagon 147 of Lowell, Mass. in the fourth round of a sixer, as referee Maxie Atwater gave him the fight on a questionable TKO.

▲**Waterbury** — Steve Toomey, 142-pound Waterbury sensation, stopped Juan Colon, 144, of Lowell, Mass., in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round headliner at the Armory.

Both contestants fought toe to toe until Toomey was floored for two eight counts in round four. Soon after, Steve regained his senses and came roaring back to massacre Colon. At the end, Colon's face looked like he was hit by a ten-ton truck.

In other results: Vinnie DeBorros, 130, of Waterbury won a close four round decision over Jose Ortiz, 131, of Lowell, Massachusetts; Dave Huckaby, 147, of Hartford won a good six rounder from Jose Pagan, also 147 from the Lowell stable; Danny Fryman, 142, of Lowell decisioned Paul Osborne 149, also of Lowell, in another six rounder; Wild and woolly Dana McCarthy, 168, of Bristol KO'd Russ Fernandez 170 of New Britain in the first of a scheduled four rounder; Euell Hunter, 132, from Waterbury won in four rounds over Irish Jim Kelley 133 of Enfield.

▲**Waterbury** — Promising New England heavyweight contender Greg Osowicki, 195, lost a close 10-round decision to another New England contender from Portland, Maine, by the name of Macka Foley, who weighed 10 pounds less.

Foley looked like former champ Willie Pastrano in the early rounds, and had Greg in a bad way as he out-maneuvered and out-pointed his foe to take a commanding lead. But in the middle and late rounds, Oswiecki, a known late starter, came roaring back to narrowly lose a close, hard fought 10-round decision.

Foley, a good-looking fighter, looked far too light to be fighting legitimate heavys and, in ringside opinions, he could go all the way to the top fighting as a light heavyweight. A rematch at a longer distance could be a great attraction for Waterbury promoters Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton.

In other results: Cove Green, 155 lbs. of Bridgeport, was KO'd in the 2nd round by hard-punching Jessie Bender, also 155 lbs. of Enfield. Ex-champ Joey Giardell came up with a good-looking heavy prospect whose monicker is Leroy Diggs of Cherry Hill, N.J. He KO'd Joe Maye of Somers, Conn., in an exciting 2nd round. Joey seems to have a champ in the making. Bobby Walker of Somers KO'd Lenny Kabanongo of Zaire, South Africa in the 2nd round of another sixer. The two contestants raged all over the ring before Walker finished it; Danny Fryman, 138 lbs. of Lowell, Mass., KO'd Rich Cranny, also 138 lbs. of Portland, Maine in round two of a scheduled six rounder; Waterbury's Steve Toomey, a 138 pound lad with a lot of local support, KO'd Lee Green, 140 lbs. of Somers, in the 3rd round of another scheduled six rounder. Toomey tore the house down with his exciting bore-in style of fighting and, if he continues on this road, could go far in this world of fisticuffs.

▲Ray Lord, Norwich boxing promoter, brought AAU boxing back to Connecticut with a "bang", as he and the AAU officials produced a great revival card at the Norwich Armory before a good crowd.

All of the greats and former greats were present, from Willie Pep to Hughie Devlin and many others, including Vic Darr, Gunner Martin, Kenny Adams, Leo Lynn, Al Couture, Billy Taylor (Chief of Conn. Referees) and Chico Vejar, just to mention a few.

As far as AAU boxing was concerned, it brought mixed emotions from the lively crowd. Some liked it immediately, but for others it took a few fights to get used to the new rules and regulations. The crowd soon caught on to the new look on the Connecticut boxing scene, and the acceptance was great.

The fighters of all ages were good, and each and every one of them received a token of victory or a token of a loss. But you can bet on this, that the "simon pures" ar3e here to stay, and Connecticut's Chairman, Tom Eagan, did a marvelous job with his staff to make sure of that.

One of the nicest things that happened was the donation from PAL to the Conn. AAU Organization of a $6500.00 well-constructed ring, which would make any championship matchmaker proud.

Final results were:

J. B. (Paulie) Barr, 98 lbs., of woodla Woodlane Boys School won in four (4) rounds over Cody Sterling, also 98 lbs., of the Bellevue Boys Club of Hartford.

Rocky Randall of Danbury at 123 lbs. lost on a 2nd round TKO, but his big-hearted conqueror, Rick Cote of Norwich at 124 lbs. presented his winning trophy to the loser in a good sportmanship first!

Roy Russell of Woodlane Boys School, weighing 133 lbs., lost to Willie Diaz, also 133 lbs., of the Bellevue Boys Club of Hartford in a three (3) rounder.

Larry Barbarus at 128 lbs. won a close one from Johnny Sisco who weighed 126 lbs.

Hartford's Joe Sinkewicz at 134 lbs. couldn't get started as he lost a 3rd round decision to Bellevue Boys Club standout Jerry Herring weight 133 lbs. of Hartford's North End.

Tony Presley of Norwich, weighing 75 lbs., stole the show as he decisioned George Perez, also 75 lbs., of the Meriden Boys Club in another three (3) rounder.

George Syty, 170-pounder from Norwich PAL, won over Jose Serrano of Danbury weighing 175 lbs. in three good rounds.

Bobby Parsons, 125 lbs. of Norwich PAL, won in three rounds over Ralph Colon of the Meriden Boys Club, weight 122 lbs.

Eddie White of the Meriden Boys Club, weighing 132 lbs., decisioned Miguel Rios of Bellevue Boys Club of Hartford, who also weighed in at 132.

USA National Junior Olympics Champion Marlen Starling of the Hartford Bellevue Boys Club, weight 147 lbs., was too much for the game, but outclassed Willie Henderson of Clay Hill Boys Club, who weighed 150 lbs.

MARRERO BEATS PETERSON TO BREAK MIAMI TEDIUM

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Fla. — Nani Marrero, 135, Dominican Republic, and Jose Peterson, 135¾, San Juan, extended their Caribbean competition to the Miami Beach Auditorium for the second time and each round of fighting registered thrills. These judging rendered a decision in Nani Marrero's favor after ten rounds.

The verdict was of the split variety with one judge calling it for Peterson. Jose had Marrero staggered in the eighth round but Nani snapped back to finish strong in the terminal rounds. Despite the sharpshooting ability of both fighters, neither hit the deck but Peterson was somewhat disabled by a puffed up left eye. The victory for Marrero brought his record to 14-2.

In a companion ten rounder, unbeaten Nelson LaSalle, 163, San Juan, received the decision over Lee Royster, 169, Fort Lauderdale. In winning his 13th straight as a pro, LaSalle demonstrated a coolness under fire as he kept his flurrying opponent off with a straight left most of the fight. Royster made the fight close with his unorthodox style as he used most of the tactics which gained a draw with James Scott on a Chris Dundee show here.

In anoth another ten round bout, Bobby Lloyd, 178, Fort Lauderdale, won a split decision over big John L. Johnson, 200, Miami, who showed staleness due to inactivity. Lloyd used his speed to outscore Johnson who was the aggressor all the way.

In a sixer, George Beasley, 145¼, Fort Lauderdale, outpointed Henry Thomas, 136, Miami, in a battle.

In a scheduled four rounder, rugged Bill Kenneway, 170½, Fort Lauderdale, scored a fourth round technical knockout over Jack Balduc, 167, Miami, in an exciting battle which saw both fighters in a toe to toe slugfest from the opening bell. Kenneway looked strong as he won his second in the paid ranks.

▲Promoter Chris Dundee tried desparately to sandwich several important matches between the terminus of the summer season and the big duel in Zaire. The mood of the area was not receptive as the September-October period is quiet and those responding to the call of the ring eagerly awaited the Foreman-Ali action.

Even the genius of Chris Dundee was unable to complete the match designed to awaken the stagnant spirit of the traditionally quiescent fall season in the Miami area. However, his lone effort this past month, Nani Marrero versus Jose Peterson, was a classic.

The Florida West Coast Boxer's Association, headed by President Floyd Golden in Tampa incorporated a Hall of Fame Awards Night with their annual banquet. An artistic success, the affair was the social event of sports loving Tampa. In attendance were former world champions, Jimmy Goodrich, now a resident of Fort Meyers Beach and Abe Attell Goldstien, now calling St. Petersburg his home.

Entering the Florida West Coast Boxing Hall of Fame native Tampans Jimmy Leto, welterweight, Carl (Red) Guggino, lightweight, and Tommy Gomez, heavyweight. Also present were former fisticuffers like Tony (Half-Pint) Lopez, Manuel Quintero, Henry Rodriguez with brothers Young Raymond and Lew Raymond, Lee Sala, Tony Licata among other Tampa developed battlers.

In recent features produced by amateur promoter Dick Lee, Charles Grimmet, 156, scored a TKO over Garry Ritter, 160, in the second round, and Jose Dominguez, 120 , recorded a first round knockout over Charlie Young, 120, at the Elizabeth Virrick Gym in Coconut Grove. . .Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, who returned from Kinshasha, went back for the fight.

"RINGSIDE" WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

It is a shame that a local draw —as Boone Kirkman is in the Seattle area, is tossed in with "iron"...all tough opponents—and now has become discouraged and may "hang 'em up" for good... Kirkman was demolished by Ron Lyle—a so-so heavyweight who also never seemed to live up to his advance billing...being whipped in his "big one" by Jerry Quarry in the N.Y. Garden a long time ago... Kirkman—who had the late Jack Hurley as his manager and trainer when he started out in "the punch for pay ranks"...never has seemed to be able to hurdle an important opponent...and now it is time for boom-boom to call it a day...!! His mother Marguerite has never lost faith in her boy—but her dedication to her fine young son isn't enough to put Kirkman over.

When Danny "Little Red" Lopez headlined with Shig Fukuyama on the West Coast and was thumped...this was recorded as "an upset" by most West Coast boxing scribes, but wise old Mel Epstein predicted this defeat—long before Lopez climbed through the ropes...Mel watched this young man in the gym...and told this writer that he felt Lopez had not completely recovered from the thumping he took at the hands of Bobby Chacon in a previous fight...and once again, wise Mel was right on the money...!! Epstein holds the managerial reins of Mike Nixon, who says he is very serious this time around—and will give it his all in this comeback...seems I've heard that before from Mike...!! Sad Sam Silverman is the bloke who keeps boxing alive in New England...Silverman has developed some real talent this time—Tony Petronelli—Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Irish Jackie Smith, and Paul Porrier are all names that will be seen or marques around the fight circuit for a long time...Jay Edson has resigned as secretary of the Arizona Athletic Commission and will take a job in Miami Beach... The new boxing promoter in Chicago is George Randazzo and his matchmaker is Joey Granata, also a new name in the game...their top attraction is middleweight Rocky DiFazio... Didja know that veteran heavyweight Bob Stallings is a rejuvenated fighter, he won his last five starts? ?—... Jersey Joe Walcott is happy with his job at Camden, N.J. County as director of special programs in the Department of Community Affairs for 20 grand a year—Walcott resigned as Camden County Sheriff... The Los Angeles bus strike hurt gym owner, Howie Steindler recently—as the fighters couldn't get to his Main Street Gym in downtown Los Angeles...as cabs and rented cars run into too much money—Steindler holds the managerial reins of featherweight Danny Lopez—... Tony Zale, former middleweight king, has purchased Chicago franchise in the new World Team Boxing League...Ruben Olivares picked up a cool $160,000 and the "nut" for fighting Alexis Aruello of Nicaragua at Mexico City...and this guy Olivares was supposed to be all washed up after suffering a loss to Art Hafey, transplanted Nova Scotian socker, now displaying his fistic wares in California...Hafey is trained by Burke Emery, former Canadian light-heavyweight champ... Al Braverman has wisely moved Chuck Wepner, New Jersey heavyweight, into title contention...and has done the job with a guy who bleeds everytime he is hit with a punch...if Wepner didn't leak like a sieve...he could be a great one...as Braverman is one of the most capable cornermen in the business... Bobby Lee Hunter, former South Carolina prison inmate who annexed two National A.A.U. championships after a brilliant amateur career, turned pro under the Denver Boxing Club banner...Hunter is a miniature left-handed double of Joe Frazier... Bobby Bartels, brother-in-law of former Yankee pitcher Whiteyford, and a pretty good middleweight ten year ago, ra nn for the office of business agent of Steamfitters Local 638 in Gotham... A great conditioner used by boxers years ago was a tough, hard, game of handball...it developed speed, endurance, coordination of mind and muscle, footwork and good eyesight...!! Going back to the "old-timers", Young Griffo was master of moving the head to avoid punches, leaving both hands free to punch—... Pat O'Grady is the guy who keeps the ring game going in the mid-west—promoting shows at Oklahoma City and Dallas and developing local talent in those areas...O'Grady has a son Sean, who can fight a bit himself...!! Top boxing writer and historian of Capetown, South Africa, Chris Greyvenstein, was a surprise visitor to Miami Beach... Cy Gottfried, who has acted as ring arbitor in World-wide arenas, has returned from a Mediterranean cruise... Mickey Duff, top English promoter, was seen scouting ring talent in Florida rings for future fistic action in England... Remember the name—Vinnie Curto is the lad who will be knocking on the door of the light-heavyweight throne room before the year 1975 is out—he is a ring marvel right now—but lacks the experience to go all the way... The year 1975 should be the year that Lou "Money-Bags" Viscusi gets a middleweight title shot for his protege, Tony Licata... Bob Foster has deserted the fight beat—but only after having never lost to a light-heavyweight for 14 years—the only fights Foster lost were to heavyweights,I whom he never seemed to be able to beat...Bob must be 43 years old at least, regardless as hto how it is listed as a 37 year old lad... Top fight trainer Angelo Dundee worked in an aircraft plant before he left for Florida where his brother Chris had made his niche in the promotional end of the game...Chris was a boxing manager for years, and met the late, great middleweight champion, Ken Overlin, when Ken was a gob off of the U.S.S. Tennessee in Norfolk, Va., years ago... Massachusetts Governor, Francis Sargent, asked and got a resignation from the State Boxing Commission from former heavyweight contender Tom McNeeley. McNeeley was a guy who did a good job as boxing commission for six year and now he is replaced —accused ot using a stolen credit card—something that was never proven... Veteran fight mentor, Bill Daly got an awful lot of mileage out of Jose "King" Roman—who was never a world-beater in any sense of the word, but one helluva draw in his native Puerto Rico, where Daly should have him boxing again before long... Bob Cleroux, former Canadian heavyweight champ, still keeps in touch with his former manager, Al Bachman in N.Y.C.—and Bob is always looking for top ring talent around Canada to send to Bachman for ring work...this is because Bachman treated Cleroux like a son when he was boxing Paul Mitrano, North Easton, Mass., auto tycoon, is a gent who has dabbled in fighters for years —Mitrano also promoted shows at the old Roseland Ballroom in Taunton, Mass., for years...and is always ready to give a fight guy a good deal on a car... Max Marek, who beat Joe Louis in the amateurs, got a call from Louis after 41 years and Joe never did forget his loss to Max, who beat a lot of their good boys in his hey-day... Ruben Navarro is still talking comeback—this guy always gave the fans a good show...but he is through and the California Athletic Commission, should give a good physical before they allow him to return to the ring... Sid Flaherty was back in the corner with Benny Moyer for a fight in San Francisco recently—it had been many years since Sid "worked the corner" for aging, and ringwise Denny—who has shared the ring with 10 world champions—and still gives a good account of himself wherever he shows... The hardest punch Jack Dempsey was ever hit was delivered by "Gunboat" Smith—Jack said as much when he learned of Smith's death oat the age of 87 years recently... Barbara Marciano, wife of the late heavyweight champ, Rocky, died of cancer at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida... Seems only yesterday that Rocky was doing his roadwork around Brockton, Mass., running to neighboring towns of Abington and Whitman—Manny Ferrera, Tucson, Arizono promoter is seeing top ring talent from Miami Beach to box in his city against "names" from the west coast—this guy has the talent and the money and he could make Tucson a big fight city... Joe Louis and the late Al Jolson were good pals, until the day Al died... Bobby Townsend, who does a fine news column for the Brockton Enterprise in Brockton, would like to return to boxing before he is too old—Bobby is now 26—and did alright when he was active. Eddie Perkins had been around boxing for years—and always was in a good fight, and I would have liked to see Eddie get a shot at the world title...but he made a mistake taking the match with Rocky Mattioli and now he lost his chance and may have to start all over again...but at the age of 35, maybe Eddie can't make it... Pete Ranzany is a 21 year old Italian-Irish top prospect on the West Coast, and a syndicate of 10 men pay him $150 per week with ex-lightweight title contender, Joey Lopes acting as trainer-manager and with one-tenth share... John "Dino" Dennis is a young heavyweight prospect out of North Attleboro, Mass., who does most of his boxing in Pennsylvania rings...wonder why—doesn't he like to show his wares before the "hometown" folks? ? ? Donato Paduano, who was supposed to be washed up, picked up his biggest pay-day recently whipping hitherto-unbeaten Jean-Claude LeClair—and for his nights work he lugged a $30,000 to the bank... Portland, Maine has always been a good fight town—in fact, Sam Silverman has made the weekly jaunt up the Maine Turnpike with wifey Helen, for years—and never did fret about the money being shot...the folks up that way love a good scrap, and always did since the days when Chick Hayes ran boxing shows at the same stand back in the forties... Jerry Quarry launched himself on a singing career—and could very well desert the fight beat for good... Jerry is a young man with lots of talent for many things...and he can retire before he is forty—if he plays his cards right... Gary Garafola is the bloke who took Jimmy Dupree and made an outstanding ringster out of him—Gary taught Jimmy that "you gotta have heart"...and Jimmy took it from there...meeting and beating all of the "iron" and then marrying a smart gal who earns a lot of money as a nurse... Lee Royster surprised a lot of folks at Miami Beach, holding his own with their tiger, Jimmy Scott, who is supposed to be the "goods"...but I think that they were fighting Scott too often...and maybe this fight was good—as it showed that Jimmy needs a rest... Joe DeNucci, former N.E. middleweight contender, lost his quest for a seat in the Massachusetts Legislature by a meer three votes in his district, but knowing Joe, I'm sure he'll try again next week...and I'll bet he'll make it... Emile Griffith, the aging former king of the ring, is like good wine, he goes on and on...and even when he retires..."Tiny" is the guy who sits at the bar in the Wampatuck Restaurant in Pembroke, Mass., and wants to challenge the Chief of Police...he should confine his fistic talent to the ring...

OLIVARES TWICE FLOORED BEFORE SCORING KO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua — Ruben Olivares, 129, technically kayoed Carlos Mendoza, 127, Panama. A very poor exhibition by Olivares, who was floored in the second and fourth rounds before he won. Antonio Amaya, 133, of Panama, easily outpointed Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 135, in ten. Alfonso Zamora, 121, demolished Francisco Villegas, 119, Puerto Rico, in two. Zamora is unbeaten in 18 bouts and he has won all by knockout. Carlos Mimila, 125, TKO'd Francisco del Toro, 126, in five. Goyo Rios, 124, iced Raul Garcia, 124, in the very first round.

▲**Tuxtia Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Romeo Anaya, 119, former world bantamweight champion, tko'd Marcos Britton, 118, Panama, in two. Reynaldo Hidalgo, 125, Panama, stopped Rene "Mochila" Morgan, 126, in eight. Memo Ortiz, 121, halted Jose "Che" Martinez, 125, in 7. "Gallito" Salas, 111, tko'd "Mosco" Gonzalez, 111, in nine.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Pablito Jimenez, 112, Dominican Republic, won a split decision from Gustavo "Guty" Espadas, 112, in ten. Tomas Frias, 125, tko'd Fer-Fernandez, 126, in nine. Fermin Soto, 133, decisioned Miguel "Rielero" Rodriguez, 133, in ten. Freddie Castillo, 112, tko'd Jose Curiel, 111, in 3. Wilbert Canche, 112, and Ranulfo Cano, 112, drew in six.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Orlando Amores, 117, of Panama, tko'd Jorge Carrasco, 118, in 9. Alfonso Ibarra, 118, embalmed Carlos Walter, 118, of Panama, in seven. Juan Zarate, 112, whipped Salvador "Chino" Martinez, 111, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 125, defeated Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 125, in 10. Julio Cruz,, 118, tko'd Juan Ramon "Chilango" Perez, 117, in 8. Raul Tirado, 117, and Fabian Palma, 117, drew in ten. Fili Moreno, 112, tko'd Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 112, in five.

▲**Guaymas, Sonora** — Jose Luis Soto, 119, tko'd Carlos Barragan, 119, in six.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Jose Medina, 117, tko'd Eliseo Cosme, 117, in six and retained Mexican bantamweight title. Luis "Black" Garcia, 117, tko'd Rufino Gallegos, 117, in five and captured Yucatan bantamweight championship which was vacant. Pedro Flores, 112, bested Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, in ten. Romulo Cortes, 114, tko'd Jesus Ramirez, 115, in 3. Jose Segovia, 113, and Armando Moguel, 113, drew in 6.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Chucho Castillo, 125, outscored Rafael Ortega, 125, of Panama, in ten bitter rounds. Jose Murillo, 117, polished off Victor Ramirez, 121, in two. Rafael "Bazzoka" Limon, 126, put Jose Pozos, 125, to sleep in the opening round. Sergio Martinez, 112, won over Eleazar Sanchez, 111, in 6.

▲**Tijuana, Baja Calif.** — Octavio Amparan, 134, flattened Mario Roman, 133, in five.

▲**Silao, Guanajuato** — Arturo Vazquez, 120, tko'd Pedro Martinez, 122, in 8.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — "Gallito" Salas, 112, beat Rodolfo "Chamaco" Lopez, 112, in 12 and retained flyweight title of Chiapas State. "Raton" Perez, 112, decisioned Alejandro Lopez, 112, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Fer-Fernandez, 122, tko'd Chucho Cedeno, 124, in nine. Raul Valdez, 112, tko'd Martin Valencia, 111, in six.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Alejandro Zaragoza, 117, tko'd Rocky Guillen, 118, in 5. Gaby Morgan, 115, stopped "Pachuco" Mendez, 115, in ten.

▲**Puebla, Puebla** — Timoteo Gonzalez, 117, tko'd "Pulga" Sanchez, 117, in 9.

▲**Tijuana, Baja Calif.** — Jose Luis Lizarraga, 115, lost to Adelaido Galindo, 116, in 10. Pedro Jimenez, 124, whipped Julio Leal, 125, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Ney Gordillo, 125, bombed Memo Cruz, 125, in the first round. Rosalio Badillo, 124, tko'd Jose Luis Menchaca, 125, in two. Alfredo Nunez, 134, decisioned Pascual Palacios, 133, in 6. Maximino Rangel, 123, tko'd Felix Trejo, 123, in four. Pedro Sandoval, 109, tko'd Nuno Temis, 109, in the second round.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — "Chamaco" Ruiz, 112, stopped "Marinero" Alonso, 111, in 6. Paco Mendoza, 118, and "Lobo" Morales, 119, drew in 8.

▲**Puebla, Puebla** — Jose Bautista, 118, ko'd Javier Valdez, 117, in three.

▲**Tenosique** — Salvador "Lobo" Lozano, 126, won by a disqualification from Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 126, in five.

▲**Tijuana, Baja Calif.** — Jose Luis Martin del Campo, 126, defeated Martin Lopez, 124, in ten. Gerardo Aceves, 125, kayoed Carlos Vazquez, 125, in 3.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Antonio Kiris, 112, beat Mario Chavez, 112, in 10. Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 111, tko'd Francisco Granados, 111, in four. Abel Cordoba, 147, knocked out Enrique Alvarez, 144, in three. Ruben Garcia, 124, tko'd Miguel Ramirez, 124, in 4. Ernesto Vazquez, 133, outscored Magdaleno Tellez, 134, in 4.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Macario Jimenez, 117, tko'd Fernando "Oso" Vazquez, 112, in four. Alejandro Agosto, 121, halted Francisco Perez, 122, in 4.

▲**Puebla** — Miguel Benitez, 124, nailed Arturo Leyva, 124, in 6. Chano Lopez, 117, polished off Julio Pinto, 118, in two.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Juan Ordonez, 119, tko'd Alberto Cabanig, 118, of Philippines, in six. Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 125, tko'd Alejandro Perez, 124, in four. Manuel "Rata" Martinez, 117, tko'd Santiago Hernandez, 118, in seven. Roberto Valenzuela, 111, won by a disqualification from Joel Valdez, 111, in seven.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Juan Pablo Oropeza, 134, tko'd Julio Mendez, 134, in 6. Raul Valdez, 111, tko'd Jose Luis Garcia, 110, in five. Juan Manuel Hernandez, 116, won from Jose Chavez, 117, in six. Emeterio Garcia, 111, bested Gaspar Meza, 111, in six. Jorge Ramirez, 117, tko'd Jose Pascual, 117, in one.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Leo "Cuervo" Castellanos, 111, tko'd Pancho Cabrera, 111, in two. Bibiano Gonzalez, 116, stopped Andres Garcia, 117, in 2.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Humberto Alcala, 119, defeated Juan Arroyo, 118, in ten.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Celso Olivas, 145, ko'd Margarito Martinez, 146, in four. Rodolfo Chavez, 117, nailed Eleazar Castillo, 117, in the second round.

▲**Durango, Durango** — Catalino Flores, 113, of Philippines, lost to Andres Reyes, 115, in ten.

▲**Puebla** — Jose Bautista, 118, decisioned Alfredo Ramirez, 118, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Abundio Cortes, 112, won by a disqualification over Juan Alvarez, 112, in 4. Jose Flores, 117, tko'd Angel Chi, 116, in six. Raul Reyes, 117, tko'd Angel Lira, 117, in 6. Pedro Perez, 132, bombed Lupe Hernandez, 134, in one. Efren Manzanares, 111, tko'd Filiberto Gonzalez, 110, in three.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Angel Javier Medel, 134, ko'd Juanito Rodriguez, 134, in 8. Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 119, stopped Esteban Gonzalez, 120, in 3.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Francisco Javier Nunez, 114, halted Joel Segura, 114, in seven.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Lupe Hernandez, 118, defeated veteran Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, in ten. Chucho Hernandez, 125, won from Antonio Nava, 125, in ten. Jose Chavez, 116, tko'd Carlos "Gallito" Ruiz, 118, in 3.

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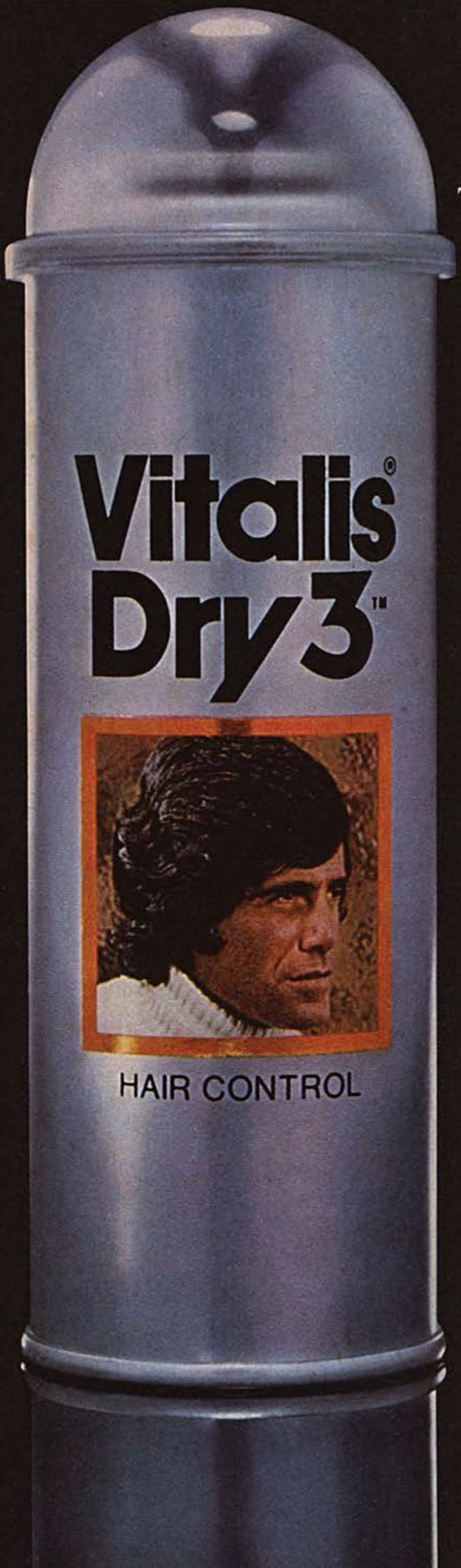

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